

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

The "Teeth"  
Appear

THE United States and Britain have decided against establishing a NATO-type standing army in Southeast Asia under the SEATO treaty, a London cable says. Instead (the report continues) the two major backers of the treaty are to rely for military defence of the region on American mobile striking power co-ordinated with British, Australian and New Zealand forces in the area. This coincides with recent reports from London that Britain had asked the Australian Government to provide ground forces for a strategic reserve for the defence of the area and presumably a similar request was also made to New Zealand. It rather suggests that at the moment the Western powers are "putting teeth into SEATO" through the ANZUS pact coupled with the defence arrangements already in existence between Britain and its Commonwealth and the United States and its other allies in the region. The Philippines and Thailand particularly may be disappointed with the news that there will be no SEATO army as such but since there is little comparison between the conditions existing in the Atlantic Union and Southeast Asia at the present time, joint defence of the latter area calls for the employment of different methods to those applied in Western Europe. In this case Britain has rightly laid the stress on protecting the area from subversion which, it is felt, is a greater danger than outright invasion by the Communist armies. Reports suggest that now economic measures are to be given equal priority with military preparations. There is no doubt of the grave dangers existing in parts of Southeast Asia in its present weakened state, particularly in Vietnam, but manipulation of political and economic policies offer this divided territory a better chance of survival (albeit a small one) than does the creation of a vast and perhaps unmanageable army. The British motives for opposing formation of a NATO-type army are possibly also dictated by the desire to impress upon friendly non-SEATO nations such as Burma and Indonesia that the pact is purely defensive and is not directed specifically against any Asian nation. So long as Southeast Asian nations are prepared to accept a reasonable balance between economic and military planning, there appear to be better chances of turning SEATO into a useful instrument to defend the area from the menace of Communism in its many forms.

The Laugh Is On  
Us, Too!

YES, the laugh is on us, too! For the last two weeks, we have been publishing pictures of signwriters' spelling mistakes around Hongkong under the title of "Today's Picture Puzzles". China Mail readers have probably smiled at the "Ponice" sign, the "Police" road, and the "Police" visiting book. And they probably had a much bigger laugh yesterday when the inevitable happened—a reader pointed out that people who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones, because the China Mail spelt "Police" on its front page "Police"! We offer no excuses for our mistake. No daily newspaper working to edition deadlines pretends to be infallible and the vigilant reader can detect "howlers" in the most reputable journals. Neither were we trying to be smug or self-righteous in the secure knowledge of our own perfection! But since in the public eye the aforementioned signs have a greater degree of permanence and long-term usefulness than our daily product, we feel justified in pointing out the errors with a view to their correction. So far the three mistakes have been remedied with no greater loss of face to the officials concerned than momentary embarrassment. Would that it were as easy to correct the errors that remain so liberally sprinkled in the bound volumes of daily newspapers. Our foibles, alas, are ineradicable and stand as an indelible monument to our almost daily despair.

THE COLDEST DAY IN 55 YEARS!

Temperature Falls To 37.6 Degrees

Hongkong Almost Freezes  
BLACK FROST IN TERRITORIES  
AND MORE ICE ON THE PEAK

If Hongkong shivered yesterday it almost froze this morning. A minimum atmospheric temperature of 37.6 F recorded in the early hours makes this the coldest day in 55 years

In 1900 the temperature was only very slightly lower — 37.5 F. The minimum ground temperature dropped lower than yesterday's 35 degrees to 32.1 F, within .1 of freezing.

Police Besiege Leprosarium

Colonial Leper Expert  
In Trouble:  
Patients Go 'On Strike'

Port of Spain, Jan. 10.

Police squads today besieged the Chacachare Island leprosarium, whose 300 patients seized control of the institution from the staff and declared themselves "on strike".

The trouble stemmed from disciplinary action against Dr. Michael Corcos, Superintendent of the Leprosarium, because of his granting Christmas leave to 100 lepers.

These lepers spent two weeks in Port of Spain over Christmas and New Year, appearing in restaurants, dance halls and other public places. The public, knowing nothing of their presence until last Saturday, when the last of them returned to Chacachare.

**CMPULSORY LEAVE**  
Dr Corcos was instructed to 'take compulsory leave' pending instructions from the Secretary of Colonies in London, to whom the matter was reported.

Dr Young, Leper then was ordered to take over from Dr Corcos, but the latter refused to quit, saying he "did not work for the Trinidad Government but for the Queen".

Dr A. Pent, director of Medical Services, and Dr Leo made a third visit to the leprosarium this morning but Dr Corcos again refused to accept the order to quit.

**POLICE CALLED IN**  
Police squads were then rushed to the leper island and threw a cordon around the institution.

Dr Corcos has become highly popular with the patients by applying what he calls the "latest progressive" theories on treatment of the disease.

Dr Corcos, former Superintendent of the leper colony in Nigeria, maintains that the disease has been much overrated by the public, both pathologically and socially, and that it is "non-sense" to make the lepers feel they are outcasts.

Accordingly, since his arrival last November, Dr Corcos lifted practically all restrictions at the leprosarium. The staff, mainly Sisters of Mercy and nuns, protested strongly but to no avail. —United Press.

Emergency Ends

Kampala, Uganda, Jan. 10. The state of emergency in Buganda, proclaimed on November 30, 1953, when the 30-year-old Kabaka (King) of Buganda, Mutesa Second, was deposed by the British Government, ended tonight.

No Dry Eyes At This Film Premiere

By a Special Correspondent who was SUBMERGED with Jane Russell at Silver Springs, Florida.  
I went to the movies underwater tonight, and at the end there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

More than 150 members of the Press from New York and Hollywood plus hundreds of publicity men and assorted starlets, gathered in this Florida village of Silver Springs for an event unparalleled in world history: the premiere of a film underwater.

WATER-PROOF SCREEN

The contribution of this to society was not clear—except it publicized the picture, also called "Underwater" and released in the invention of a water-proof screen.

The contingent of underwater lovers of the cinema was led by the star of the picture, Jane Russell. She wore, among other

things, two air tubes on her back. Jane and some 40 others of us sat on four long benches, placed 20 feet under waves in the crystal clear water of the Springs.

OXYGEN TANK

I marched to my seat wearing harness, oxygen tank, face mask, mouth piece, bathing suit and cap and foot flippers.

A 15 by 30 ft. plastic screen, sprinkled with reflecting aluminium dust, was suspended 53 feet from the projection machine, housed in a glass wall boat. Loudspeakers were scattered about the tank.

The Sek Kong Weather Station reports "black frost" has covered most of the flat ground in the New Territories. ("Black frost" is formed when the air is dry and there is not sufficient moisture to make frost visible.) The minimum ground temperature there was below freezing point.

A curious Peak resident, Mr R. Frost, Shipping Manager of Jardine Matheson and Co., found a 1/4-inch layer of ice in a bowl of water which he had left out in his yard overnight. The bowl, measuring 15 inches across, was left outside his residence at 117 The Peak.

Bowen Road dwellers had the novel experience of scrunching in frost as they walked out of their homes early this morning! —NO SIGN OF CHANGE.

Mr G. S. P. Hoywood, Director of the Royal Observatory, said that there is no sign of "break in the cold snap," and there is little chance of a rise in temperature for another 2-3 days.

The possibility of the mercury dropping still lower must not be discounted, the public is warned.

Minimum atmospheric temperatures taken since Friday (44.7 F) shows an appreciable break over the week-end—Saturday (48.8 F); Sunday (45.2 F) but if prevailing conditions continue week-end forecasts this time will be nipped in the bud by "Jack Frost".

Yesterday's minimum atmospheric temperature was 40.1 F.

**SNOWSTORMS IN U.S.**  
IN AMERICA: A winter storm yesterday piled unusually heavy snow on southern portions of Missouri.

Up to five inches of snow accumulated in the South Central portion of the State. Springfield reported three inches and Malden, two inches.

The storm moved north-eastward after laying snow on New Mexico, Southern Colorado, Texas and Oklahoma in the Southwest's second big storm in two weeks. —United Press.

New Post For  
Gen. Erskine

London, Jan. 10. Sir George Erskine, Commander-in-Chief East Africa, who has been conducting operations against Mau Mau terrorists in Kenya since the command was established in June 1953, is to return to England to take over the Southern Command in November.

Announcing this today, the War Office said that General Erskine will be succeeded by Major-General Gerald William Lambart, at present Vice-Admiral-General at the War Office.

General Erskine was formerly Commander-in-Chief in the Suez Canal area and in Hongkong. —Reuter & France-Press.

Out Come The Overcoats



A typical sight in Hongkong this morning when the temperature dipped to the lowest level for 55 years. These three residents were caught by our cameraman on their way to work, muffled in heavy overcoats and scarves, with their hands thrust deep into the warmth of their pockets.

United Nations Opinion:

Mr Hammarskjold May  
Bring Back  
Proposals From Chou

New York, Jan. 10.

Opinion at United Nations headquarters tonight was that Mr Dag Hammarskjold, the Secretary-General, was bringing back from Peking proposals to lay before the United States and Allied Governments on the question of the imprisoned airmen and other United Nations war prisoners.

Reuter and France-Press cabled this report.

The meetings with Mr Chou En-lai, the Chinese Prime Minister, were believed to have been of a preliminary, exploratory nature with no final decision one way or the other on the U.N. demand for the men's release.

It was thought that the Chinese Prime Minister may have given Mr Hammarskjold, terms on which they would consider releasing the men. It was believed he would now submit these terms to the United States and other member Governments concerned in the prisoner problem.

**MORE POSITIVE**  
Opinion generally was that the results of the mission to

ship Affairs, told reporters today that his personal feeling after reading the communique on the Peking talks was that the situation was still open for further negotiation.

OFFICIAL IMPRESSED

The readiness of the Chinese to abide by their agreement with Mr Hammarskjold to make simultaneous announcements at their meetings impressed U.S. information officials.

Each day Peking Radio has waited until an agreed time before making its announcement about the talks. This was to enable Mr Hammarskjold to cable the news back to U.N. Headquarters for its simultaneous release there.

Today, Peking Radio waited for more than five hours and the United Nations two and a half hours before announcing the final communique simultaneously.

The discussions between Mr Hammarskjold and Mr Chou have been conducted in a friendly atmosphere, Mr Andrew Cordier, Director of the Secretary-General's cabinet declared today.

He said that the two parties had studied profoundly the problem of the release of the American airmen who were being held as prisoners in Communist China on charges of espionage.

**A FIRM BASIS**  
The conversations had created a firm basis for furthering contacts with Communist China, Mr Cordier said.

Diplomatic quarters in London said it was a good sign that Mr Hammarskjold had been treated with courtesy, and that Peking Radio had not attacked his mission. But they decided to wait for either optimistic or pessimistic results in the absence of authoritative information.

**FURTHER TALKS?**  
The communique published at the conclusion of the talks hinted that there was a distinct possibility of further talks.

References to a "relaxation of world tension" were also considered in London to imply that many problems apart from the release of the imprisoned airmen were discussed between the two sides, the most important being Communist China's entry to the United Nations, and the future of Formosa. —Reuter and France-Press.

ANOTHER LETTER  
FROM BURGESS

Missing Diplomat Writes  
Christmas Note To Mother

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Jan. 10.

For the first time in 12 months, Guy Burgess, one of Britain's missing diplomats, has indicated he is alive and well. He wrote a Christmas letter to his mother and it arrived on Christmas morning.

The letter was affectionate and unworried. Burgess wrote to his mother last Christmas in a typewritten envelope posted in London, S.E. 11, a district which borders on the London Docks.

This year his letter, again in a typewritten envelope, was posted in London E. 14 in the Poplar district which is also near the London Docks.

**Posted On Dec. 23**

The letter was addressed to his mother, Mrs J. R. Bassett at Arlington House, off Piccadilly and was posted on December 23.

On December 22, there arrived at Surrey Commercial Docks, across the river from Poplar, the 2,000-ton Russian steamer Belostrov which had come from Leningrad by way of Stockholm.

Letter last year had been received. This is the first time I've heard from him since last year. I couldn't have had a nearer Christmas present.

Questioned about a report that Burgess was in danger behind the Iron Curtain and that he wanted to live in Italy, Mrs Bassett said "there was no indication of anything like that in the letter. I'm not going to reveal the contents to anyone—after all they are private and personal between mother and son. But the letter indicated that Guy is well and happy."

Reuter added: Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean, the two diplomats, were last seen in 1951 when they crossed the English Channel in a steamer to France.

Mrs Melinda Maclean, wife of Donald, suddenly vanished from Switzerland in September 1953 with her three children. It was believed she had gone to join her husband.



GUY BURGESS

It was reasonable to suppose that a courier who travelled by the Belostrov posted the letter for Burgess.

This ship is believed to have taken Harwell atom scientist, Bruno Pontecorvo, and his family to Leningrad.

**Said He Was Well**

Mrs Bassett said tonight "the letter is in his own handwriting. It is unmistakable. He said he was well. He wrote very affectionately. There was nothing in the letter to say where he is or what he's doing."

"He's obviously seen British newspapers because he knew his

Lead Pencils On  
The Way Out

New U.S. Development

New York, Jan. 10.

Science doomed the ordinary lead pencil. Parker Pen Company said today. The company claims it has developed a pencil that writes an erasable "dead" line like a conventional pencil. It will never break or wear its point, they also claim.

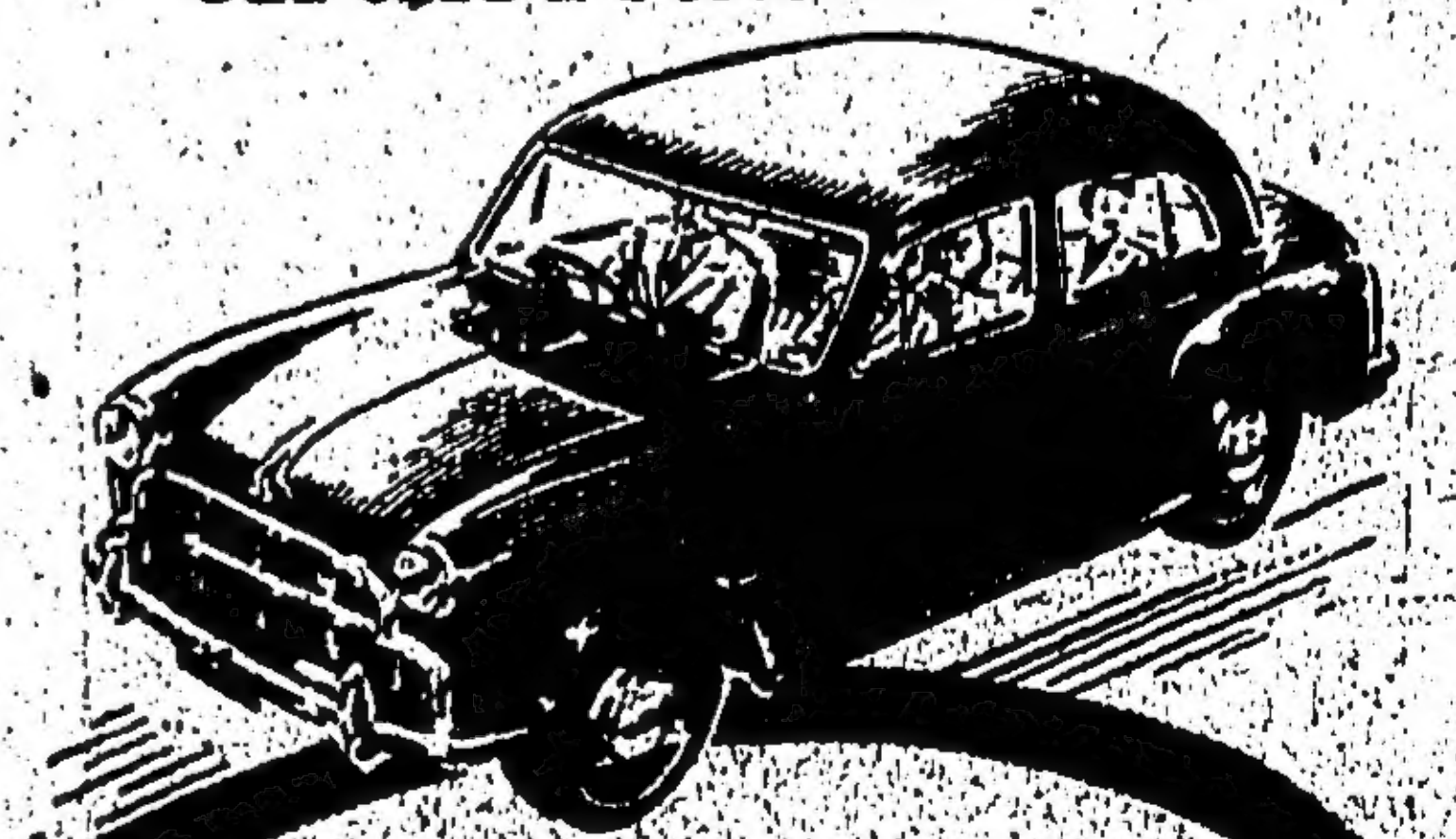
The new pencil is the first basic improvement in the pencil since its discovery in the Middle Ages, the company said.

It added the new pencil provides more than six times as much writing as a conventional one.

The liquified graphite has characteristics similar to graphite in solid form, except that it doesn't smudge. "The pencil will be ready to market in about 90 days," a company official said.—United Press.

Washington, Jan. 10. Judge Irving Kaufman, the New York Federal Judge, today ordered the re-arrest of 13 American Communist leaders, whose appeals against sentences delivered on them two years ago were turned down by the American Supreme Court earlier today.

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on the road...



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At 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 p.m.  
TO-DAYA FREE Sample Packet of CADBURY FRY  
Drinking Chocolate to Every Patron to the  
7 p.m. Show To-dayNEXT  
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GALA PREMIERE AT PRINCESS,  
TO-NIGHT AT 9.45 P.M.  
(In Aid of Jaycee Civic Projects)Every minute flames with furious action!  
Walt  
Disney's **Rob Roy**  
THE HIGHLAND ROUGE  
starring RICHARD TODD - GLYNIS JOHNS  
Distributed by EKO Road Pictures - Copyright Walt Disney ProductionsFINAL TO-DAY  
AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.  
ON PANORAMIC SCREEN

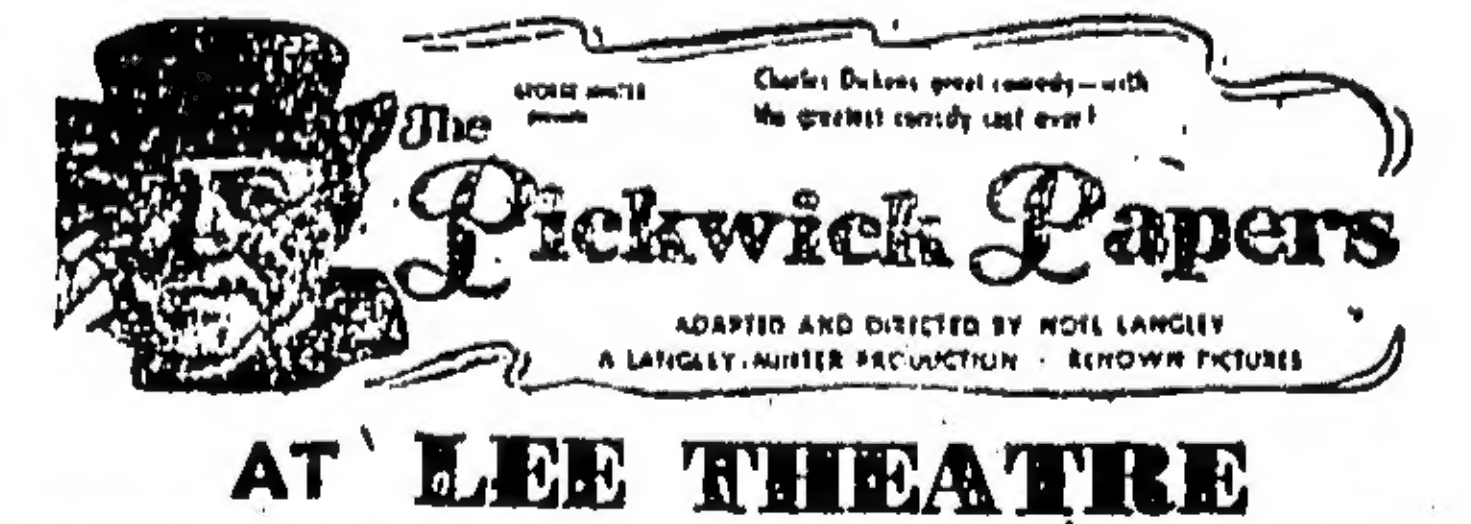
ALSO: THE SPORT PARADE OF 1954

AT THE CAPITOL every patron for 7.30 p.m.  
show to-night will receive a free sample of  
CADBURY'S RED LABEL DRINKING CHOCOLATE

★ OPENS TO-MORROW ★

DAILY AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.  
LAST 2 DAYS

GALA PREMIERE TO-MORROW AT 9.15 P.M.

Late President  
Of PanamaA recent portrait of Senor Jose Antonio Remon, the  
President of Panama, who was assassinated by machine gun  
fire when he attended a race meeting at Panama City.—  
Express Photo.Great Welcome  
In Rome  
For Mr France

Rome, Jan. 10.

M. Pierre Mendes-France, first French Prime  
Minister to pay an official visit to the Italian  
capital since the war, had an enthusiastic welcome  
when he arrived here tonight."Mr France" is hoping to win Italian accept-  
ance of his European armaments pool plan before  
meeting the West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad  
Adenauer, at Baden Baden on Friday.The French Premier and his wife drove to Rome  
today from the picturesque southern fishing village of  
Positano where they had spent the weekend.They stopped on the way at  
Naples to lunch with the Presi-  
dent of the Italian Republic,  
Signor Luigi Einaudi.

## OUTLINE PLAN

Tomorrow, M. Mendes-  
France will outline his  
armaments pool plan to the  
Italian Premier, Signor  
Mario Scelba and Foreign  
Minister, Signor Gaetano  
Martino.First Italian reactions to the  
plan have been favourable.  
Authoritative sources said that  
it represented a step along the  
roads towards European in-  
tegration which all Italian  
Governments of the past seven  
years have regarded as the  
main aim of their foreign  
policy.But the Italians are showing  
some alarm at the French pro-posal that all American military  
aid to Europe should be char-  
geable through the pool and not  
granted directly by Washington  
to individual countries as  
hitherto.Practically all the heavy and  
medium armament of Italy's 12  
divisions has been supplied by  
the United States as well as  
most of the jet aircraft of the  
10-group air force.The Italians are reluctant to  
throw into a common pool the  
good relations with Washington  
that have been built up since the  
war.But in return for any conces-  
sions on the armaments pool,  
they hope they may be offered  
a share in the Mendes-France  
plan for joint development by  
French and German industry of  
the French territories in Africa.

## LIMIT PARTICIPATION

Lack of spare capital  
would limit Italian parti-  
cipation in this African  
venture. But Italy could  
provide technicians and  
specialised workmen for  
building and transport pro-  
jects.The Italians also hope to  
persuade the French to invest  
in a grandiose new plan to  
create four million new jobs  
in Italy within the next ten  
years to absorb the present big  
army of unemployed.They hope the French will  
agree to devote to this invest-  
ment some of \$20,000,000 credit  
they have built up in Italy in  
the last two years out of the trade  
between the two countries.—  
Reuter.Garter Being  
Added To  
Churchill's  
Coat Of Arms

London, Jan. 10.

A stained-glass window  
showing Sir Winston Churchill's  
coat of arms has been removed  
for alteration from Chequer,  
the official country residence of  
Britain's Prime Ministers.The insignia of the Order of  
the Garter are being added to  
it. The Prime Minister was  
appointed to the Order, the  
highest Order of Chivalry in  
Britain, two months before the  
Coronation of Queen Elizabeth  
in June 1953.The work is expected to take  
about a month.It has become the custom for  
Prime Ministers to have a  
monogram of their name on a  
chequer and Sir Winston  
Churchill's window is one of  
several bearing the arms or  
devices of former Prime  
Ministers.—China Mail Special.

## IKE SUPPORTED

International Trade  
Liberalisation Policy  
To Receive Priority  
ONE YEAR EXTENSIONS  
CAUSE UNCERTAINTY

Washington, Jan. 10.

Both Republican and Democratic leaders in  
Congress today supported President Eisenhower's  
proposals to liberalise America's international  
trade policies.The Democratic Speaker of the House of  
Representatives, Mr Sam Rayburn, said he had  
asked the Ways and Means Committee to give top  
priority to the plan for a three-year renewal of the  
Reciprocal Trade Agreements Act, and the power to  
cut tariffs an additional 15 per cent.Mr Rayburn said the one-year extensions of the  
Act voted by Congress in recent years left "great un-  
certainty abroad."He told reporters "the truth is  
I would vote to make it perma-  
nent, but I don't think we will  
get to that now."

## DIFFERENCES

Mr Charles Halleck, a  
Republican leader in the  
House, said "there will of  
course be differences of  
opinion but I think the  
programme will be enacted  
substantially as recom-  
mended."Asked by reporters if a  
majority Republicans would  
support Mr Eisenhower's sug-  
gested recommendations he said  
he had not checked the senti-  
ment but "my judgment is that  
a good majority will be for it  
on the Republican side."Representative Jere Cooper,  
Tennessee, New Democratic  
Chairman of the Ways and  
Means Committee which will  
handle the President's recom-  
mendations predicted the pro-  
gramme would be passed with-  
out any major changes.Last week he and Representa-  
tive Robert Kean (Republican,  
New Jersey) introduced similar  
bills to carry out the President's  
programme. The Committee is  
expected to start hearings on  
these bills soon.The House Republican Leader,  
Mr Joseph Martin, of Massa-  
chusetts, said: "The Congress  
will, I am sure, co-operate with  
President Eisenhower in securing  
an extension of the Reciprocal  
Trade Act."

## ESSENTIAL

"Foreign trade is essential  
and we want to see it ex-  
tended with fairness to all.  
I am sure the valid interests  
of our industries will be  
safeguarded."Later Mr Cooper announced  
that the Ways and Means Com-  
mittee would open public hear-  
ings on the Eisenhower recom-  
mendations on January 17.  
Mr Daniel Reed, a Republican  
member of the Committee and  
a long time opponent of tariff  
reductions, declared his opposi-  
tion to the Eisenhower pro-  
gramme and urged "all interest-  
ed parties" to seek an appear-  
ance at the hearings.He said in a statement:  
"Because the legislation before  
the Committee involves a sweep-  
ing delegation of Congress con-  
stitutional jurisdiction over  
tariffs the forthcoming hearings  
may well represent the last  
major opportunity for years to  
come for the American public to  
be heard by its elected repre-  
sentatives on this vital issue."Senator Walter George of  
Georgia, who will be Democra-  
tic Chairman of the Senate  
Foreign Relations Committee,  
said he was in "general  
sympathy" with the President's  
suggestions.Republican Senator Alexander  
Smith of New Jersey described  
the message as a vigorous well-  
rounded attack on "one of the  
most pressing problems facing  
the free world."Several senators referred to  
the "moderate" approach of Mr  
Eisenhower's proposals.

## MODERATE PROGRAMME

Senator Prescott Bush  
(Republican, Connecticut)  
said: "It is a moderate  
gradual programme avoid-  
ing the danger of sudden  
and severe shocks to ourdomestic economy and  
insisting upon the principle  
of reciprocity."Senator Estes Kefauver  
(Democrat, Tennessee) said it  
was gratifying that the Admini-  
stration at last had decided to  
give serious support to the  
year-old recommendations of  
the Randall Commission for  
extending the Act for three  
years.STUDY OF  
EUROPEAN  
CURRENCIES

Paris, Jan. 11.

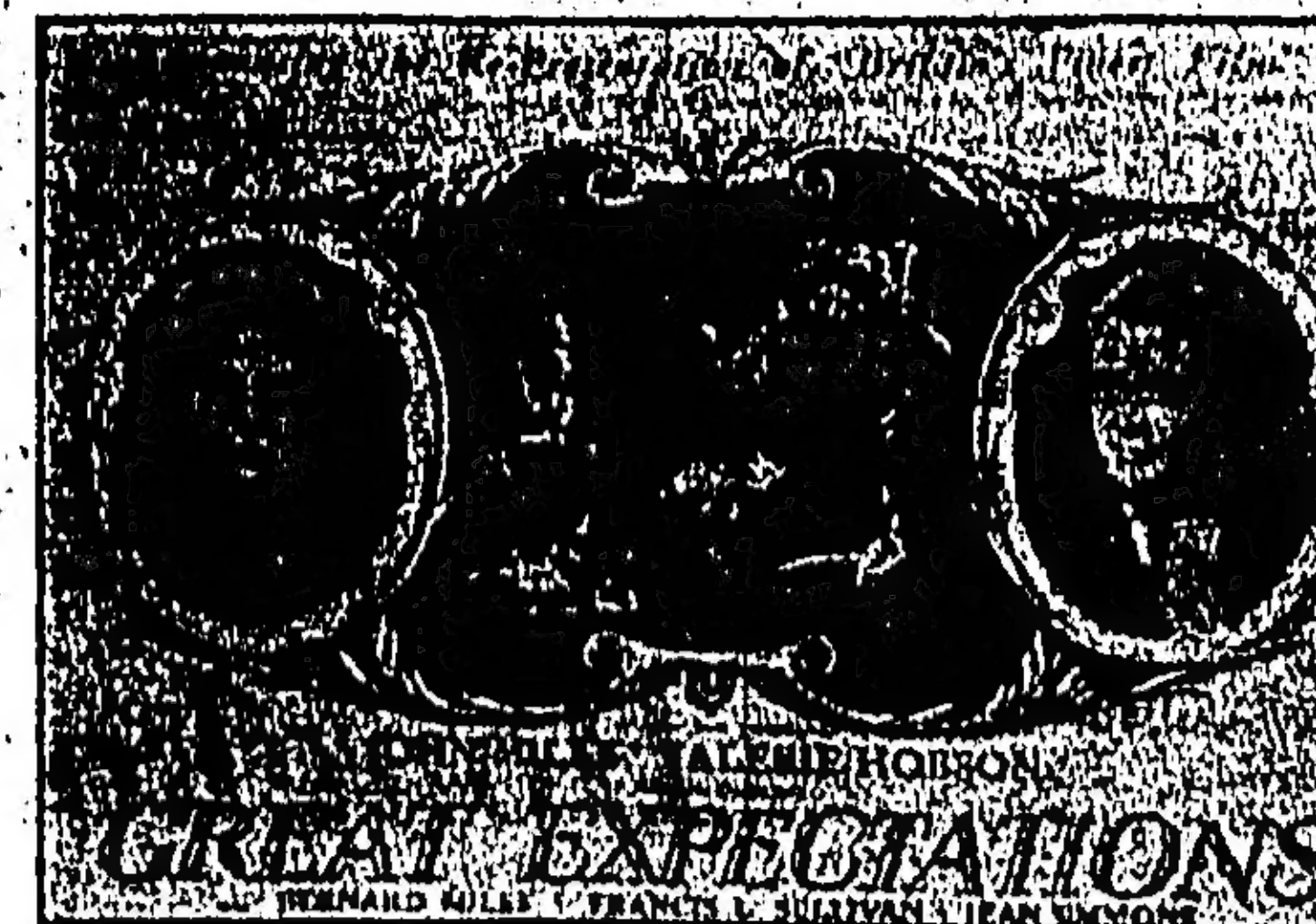
Mr R. A. Butler, Brit-  
ain's Chancellor of the  
Exchequer, will preside  
over a meeting of seven  
other European finance  
ministers here tomorrow  
to study the probable  
effects of making sterling  
and other European cur-  
rencies convertible.He and the other ministers  
—one each from the Benelux  
group, Scandinavia, West Ger-  
many, France, Italy, Greece and  
Switzerland—were given this  
job last May by the Ministerial  
Council of the Organisation for  
European Economic Co-  
operation (O.E.C.).Germany is urging that con-  
vertibility should be brought  
back without delay, but officials  
stress that there is no possi-  
bility of its being reintroduced  
by this week's meeting, which  
is to examine its possible  
consequences, not to decide  
about restoring it.—Reuter.Pentonville  
Inmates Are  
Well Read

London, Jan. 10.

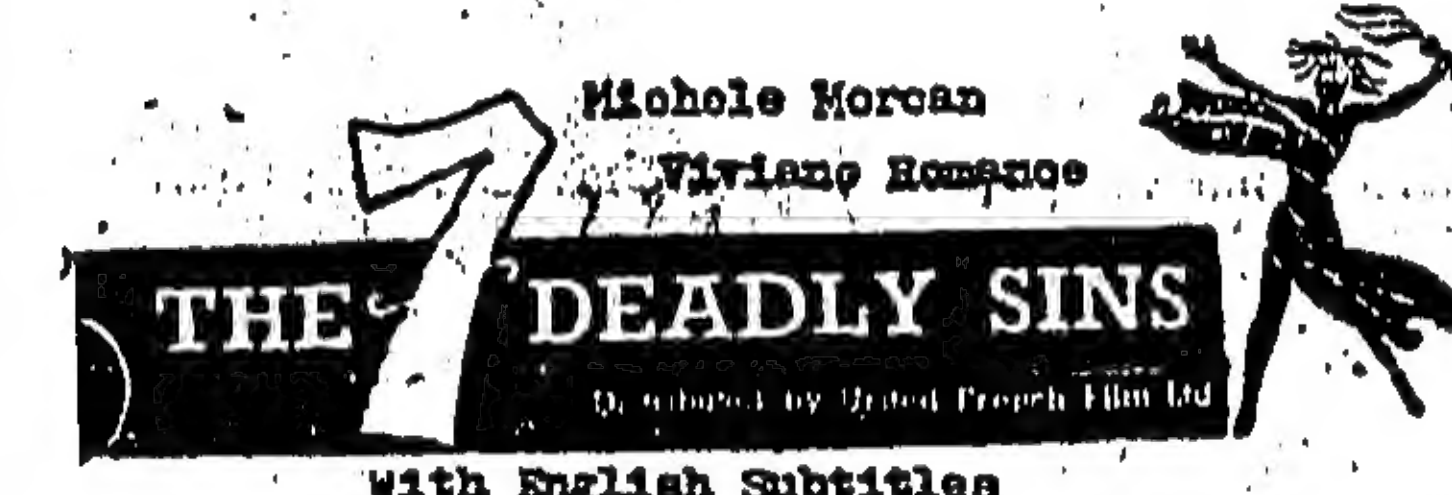
Five thousand books a week  
are issued to 874 inmates of  
Pentonville prison here by  
Islington Public Library, north  
London. A librarian visits the  
prison every day.The chief librarian, Mr C. A.  
Elliott commented: "We find  
that there are three strata  
among the prisoners. The lowest  
are almost illiterate and for  
them we provide 'easy readers'.""The middle group of people  
want 'escape' literature—  
cowboy stories for example.""The third group, the  
educated men, often want very  
advanced matter. One man  
recently wanted a copy of the  
Koran for religious studies.  
We get many requests for  
technical works on architecture,  
engineering and medicine."  
—China Mail Special.

## QUEEN'S &amp; ALHAMBRA

SHOWING TO-DAY

SHOWING TO-DAY  
ROXY  
AT 2.30, 5.20, 7.30  
& 9.40 P.M.BROADWAY  
AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30  
& 9.30 P.M.

ADDED! Movietone News: 1954 Review

★ FINAL SHOWING TO-DAY ★  
AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.

★ TO-MORROW ★

SHOWING TO-DAY  
AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30  
& 9.30 P.M.ON OUR GIANT WIDE SCREEN!  
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ENGLISH SUB-TITLES!

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## POP



## Four minute smile





# FRENCH ASSEMBLY SESSION

## Severe Attacks May Bring Downfall Of Mr France's Cabinet

Paris, Jan. 10.

The French Parliament reassembles tomorrow after its short vacation for a session in which severe attacks may bring down the Mendes-France Cabinet before Easter.

So far the Premier has successfully survived the solid animosity of his Parliamentary Opposition, led by ex-Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, at the head of the Popular Republican (Catholic) Party, and ex-Premier Antoine Pinay at the head of the Conservative Groups.

Between Christmas and the New Year, the fate of the Paris Agreements for German rearmament at one time hung in the balance because of a move to amend M. Mendes-France before the Agreements had been voted.

### "SADDLED"

Now that he has in the eyes of his opponents been "saddled" with the responsibility for German rearmament they consider there is no further reason for keeping him in power.

A debate on North Africa, where France is having considerable trouble, is expected towards the end of this month or in February. This might provide an occasion to defeat the Government.

There is much discontent among some of its Radical and Gaullist supporters over Government policy in Tunisia and Algeria. These supporters might attack the Premier and bring about his downfall by voting with the opposition as a protest against proposed reforms in Algeria.

Friends of M. Mendes-France expect difficulties in prolonging the life of the Government much beyond February but some of his aides are more optimistic, pointing to the Premier's undoubted past successes in warding off what seemed deadly attacks in Parliament.

Until about January 20, the two Houses of Parliament were fully occupied with their internal affairs—election of their speakers and membership of the numerous Parliamentary commissions.

Tomorrow's opening meeting of the Assembly will be presided over by the oldest member, the 85-year-old Communist leader Marcel Cachin.—Reuter.

### FIRST BATTLE

United Press maintains that the first political battle of the year shape up to night on the eve of the new session.

The battle will come tomorrow over the election of a President for the divided French National Assembly with powerful left-wing and right-wing candidates at odds in the field.

Bold, one-armed Socialist M. Andre Le Troquer will face an uphill struggle for re-election with the Communists and the followers of General Charles De Gaulle holding the balance of power.

The battle may foreshadow the ones to come over such

The election may develop into a test of strength between the centre-left majority that backs M. Mendes-France and the centre-right majority of his bitterest enemies.

The Mendes-France majority of Socialists, Radicals and Gaullists first merged last year in electing M. Le Troquer to the office which is the second highest protocol office in the land, ranking only after that of

## THESE MEN HOLD THE BALANCE OF POWER



M. MARCEL CACHIN



GEN. DE GAULLE

Issues as the French budget, home rule for Tunisia and a new electoral system that will determine the fate of M. Mendes-France's Government.

The only other candidate in the running now is right-wing Independent M. Robert Bruyvel. The Communists will almost certainly back 85-year-old Red Dean Marcel Cachin on at least the first ballot and perhaps swing on the second or third and last. And other candidates were expected too.

President Rene Coty. The Communists joined in then, too.

Last year the election was even more crucial than this for it foreshadowed the later defeat of the EDC.

Brussels, Jan. 11. The Belgian Chamber of Representatives (the Lower House) today begins debating the Paris Agreements on German rearmament and the creation of the Western European Union.

A Government Bill, ratifying the Agreements, is expected to be passed by an even larger majority than the European Defence Community treaty, which was approved by a two-thirds majority of the House just over a year ago. Most of the Roman Catholic and Socialist members of the former anti-E.D.C. minority have said they would support the Paris Agreements.

Of the 212 Representatives, the four Communists are hostile.

### COMMITTEE APPROVAL

The Representatives who voted the E.D.C. treaty are all expected to support the Agreements, which have been unanimously approved by the House's Foreign Affairs Committee.

The Belgian Senate will not begin its debate until the French Upper House has approved the Agreements.—Reuter.



Surrounded at a London Hotel press reception shortly after arrival in England from an Italian honeymoon are Audrey Hepburn, the screen star, and her Hollywood film star husband Mel Ferrer. It is their first visit since their marriage three months ago, and both hope to make a film in Britain. Audrey Hepburn is British but left England to act on the New York stage. The film "Roman Holiday" raised her to an international star. —Express Photo.

## Incitement To Murder Alleged

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 10.

A mother of three children pleaded innocent today to inciting two youths to kill her husband for his \$20,000 insurance money.

Mrs. Mary Yerger, 37, of Arlington, an attractive red-haired housewife, was ordered held in the East Cambridge jail on \$10,000 bail shortly after her arrest.

Mrs. Yerger also was charged with committing adultery with one of the youths involved in the murder plot.

Her 37-year-old husband, Paul, was shocked to hear that his wife had planned to have him killed and wept.

Mrs. Yerger, whom neighbors described as a "flashy dresser," was arrested after the youths she allegedly incited for love and murder went to her husband.

The police said one of the youths, Richard Riley, 19, quoted Mrs. Yerger as offering them a cut of the insurance money.

The other youth, Ronald Moniz, 20, was named in Court in the charge against Mrs. Yerger of adultery. She pleaded not guilty to the charge.—United Press.

## S.A. Ministers Sworn In

Capetown, Jan. 10.

The South African Prime Minister, Mr. J. H. van der Westhuizen, today took the oath of office as Minister of External Affairs and Finance. He was sworn into office today by the Governor-General, the Hon. Dr. E. G. Jansen, at Government House.

Mr. van der Westhuizen transferred the portfolio of External Affairs to Mr. Louw.—France-Press.

## Barrymore On Driving Charge

Las Vegas, Nevada, Jan. 10.

John Barrymore, Jr., 22, was fined \$50 in court today for reckless driving on January 8. The young actor, charged with cutting in and out of traffic, was not present in court but was represented by his local attorney, Louis Weiner, Jr.—United Press.

## Alleged Atrocities In South Moluccas

Rotterdam, Jan. 10.

Representatives of the South Moluccas "Republic" in Holland claimed today that they received reports from the Moluccan Island of Ambon that the Indonesian troops there committed "atrocities" against the civil population in the town of Amoen and against captive soldiers of the self-styled South Moluccas Republic.

Dr. J. Mahusama, "Minister of War" of the South Moluccas who resides in Rotterdam, told the United Press today he was waiting for particulars about the alleged atrocities before protesting to the United Nations.

There was no expectation that any U.N. action would be taken even if called for by representatives of the so-called Republic, according to U.N. sources.

The Netherlands position in regard to the South Moluccas question has long been that since the Republic of Indonesia came into being, incidents in the Moluccas were a matter of Indonesia's domestic concern. The Netherlands has never recognized the "South Moluccas" government and in New York the Dutch U.N. delegation has refused to receive officially the Moluccan representative.—United Press.

## STOP MAKING A-WEAPONS, SAYS INDIAN

Nagpur, Jan. 10.

Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, former Governor-General of India, today urged the Great Powers to stop making or storing atomic and "other diabolical" weapons.

The use of atomic and hydrogen weapons would totally annihilate mankind, and "you can rehabilitate people only when they are alive," he told students and teachers of Nagpur University.

He urged the Americans should have the courage to give up these weapons and if they did so unilaterally, he was sure, the so-called enemy would not use them.

If the United States gave up such weapons, it would bring the whole world to their side "without much coaxing and wooing," Mr. Rajagopalachari said.

History would show that no weapon had been manufactured without their being used. It was no good accumulating weapons, because anger was required to the power to retaliate.

Mr. Rajagopalachari, who was Chief Minister of Madras up to last August, said atomic warfare would be most cowardly because it would do no defence against an atomic attack.

"We must not allow this weapon to thrive. We must show it ridicule and disgrace on it."

He appealed to both the Americans and Russians to give up such weapons and to regard them as instruments of peace.—Reuter.

## Search For Columbus' Santa Maria

Binghamton, N.Y., Jan. 10.

A Binghamton industrialist announced today that he is going to search with the aid of a "single magnetic wand" for the sunken remains of the ship on which Christopher Columbus discovered America.

The industrialist, Mr. Edwin Link, said that the wand, which he invented, will permit him to detect the metal parts of the sunken ship, even though they have been imbedded in coral for centuries.

He said that the search would be conducted in a coral reef along the coast of Haiti. Historians generally agree that Columbus's ship, the Santa Maria, was wrecked on a coral reef known as the Lemonade Reef on Haiti.

Mr. Link said that he and his wife planned to set out on their search at the beginning of April, from Miami, on a former fishing boat, especially transformed for the purposes of the expedition.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Link are excellent divers.—France-Press.

## CANADA-JAPAN AIR TREATY

Ottawa, Jan. 10.

An air treaty, recently negotiated between Canada and Japan, will be signed here on Wednesday. It gives the two countries reciprocal landing rights for commercial planes in Tokyo and Vancouver.—Reuter.

## Shop Steward Loses Third Appeal

London, Jan. 10.

Mr. Jack Peters, centre of a recent dispute at London airport which led to the sacking of 315 men, has lost his third appeal for reinstatement with British European Airways.

A spokesman for B.E.A., a state air corporation, disclosed today that the appeal made to the airline's chief engineer was rejected over the weekend.

The spokesman said Mr. Peters could now appeal either to the Chairman of B.E.A., Lord Douglas of Kirtleside, or to the National Council for Civil Aviation (a joint management-union body).

### OFFICIAL STEWARD

Mr. Peters, a union shop steward (official), has already sought his old job back from the B.E.A. works manager and chief maintenance engineer at the airport.

The Corporation dismissed the 315 engineers last month when they left their jobs to protest against B.E.A.'s refusal to allow Mr. Peters have unlimited scope for union activities in working hours.

All the engineers, except Mr. Peters, have been reinstated or have left the Corporation voluntarily.—Reuter.

## West Indian Cricketer's Appeal Fails

Kingston, Jan. 10.

The appeal of Leslie Hyllon, 40-year-old former West Indies Test cricketer, against the death sentence imposed on him for the murder of his wife, was dismissed today.

Chief Justice Carberry, handing down the judgment of the Appeal Court, which had been reserved at the end of the hearing of the appeal early last month, said the Court found there had been misdirection and insufficient direction to the jury by Mr. MacGregor, the judge who presided over the trial, on certain particulars.

But the Court were of the opinion that there had been no miscarriage of justice.

Leslie Hyllon was not present in Court to hear the judgment. He was sentenced to death on October 20. The jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty after two retirements. It added a recommendation for mercy, which the judge said he would forward to the Governor.—China Mail Special.

## The Kenya Police Not Law Unto Themselves

Nairobi, Jan. 10.

Colonel Arthur Young, former Commissioner of Police in Kenya, declared in a report published today that there was no justification for inferring that the Kenya police were "a law unto themselves."

"No police can be perfect, but I am certain the police in Kenya are doing their best in circumstances that can only be appreciated by personal experience. I see nothing arising from the present investigation, or indeed elsewhere, which gives cause for any lack of confidence in the integrity of the police, or that there is any justification for inferring that they are a law unto themselves," he said.

Colonel Young resigned as Commissioner last month over differences with the Government regarding the status of the Kenya police. He has now returned to London.

### ALLEGATIONS

His report is on allegations made by judges at the East Africa Appeal Court last August when they quashed convictions against four Kikuyu for murdering their employer, Mr. W. G. Brunner-Randall.

The Court then spoke of the danger that the police force in Kenya "is tending to become a law unto itself" and added, with reference to the protective custody of witnesses, "we think it deplorable that the authorities concerned should tolerate as a general practice anything so obviously unlawful."—Reuter.

Colonel Young's report, made at the request of the Governor, Sir Evelyn Baring, says that between March 10 and May 18 last year the officer in the case, Chief Inspector Roger Dracup, was responsible, with two assistants, for the investigation of 39 capital charges involving 58 accused.

"In other words, this young man of less than eight years' police experience was, in the space of two months, responsible for the investigation of more capital crimes than occur in two years in Greater London—crimes, in London, are investigated with all the skill and resources of Scotland Yard."

"To apply these standards, the best in the world, to Kenya during the present emergency, except as an essential ultimate aim, is incongruous in the extreme, and indicative of the ignorance of the crime rather than any shortcomings of the police," Colonel Young adds.

### RESPONSIBILITY

"In an emergency the responsibility of the individual policeman becomes so high as to be frightening," the report continues.

After pointing out that the accused in the August case were at all times in lawful custody—"both in police cells as well as in prison, to which they were remanded by a magistrate—a fact that appears not to have been realised," Colonel Young

Colonel Young admits there was a threefold failure by the police—too long was taken in reporting the facts to the Attorney-General, the accused were not cautioned before interrogation in police custody and the interrogation was too persistent; and no proper record was kept.—Reuter.

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## RITZ SHOWING TO-DAY

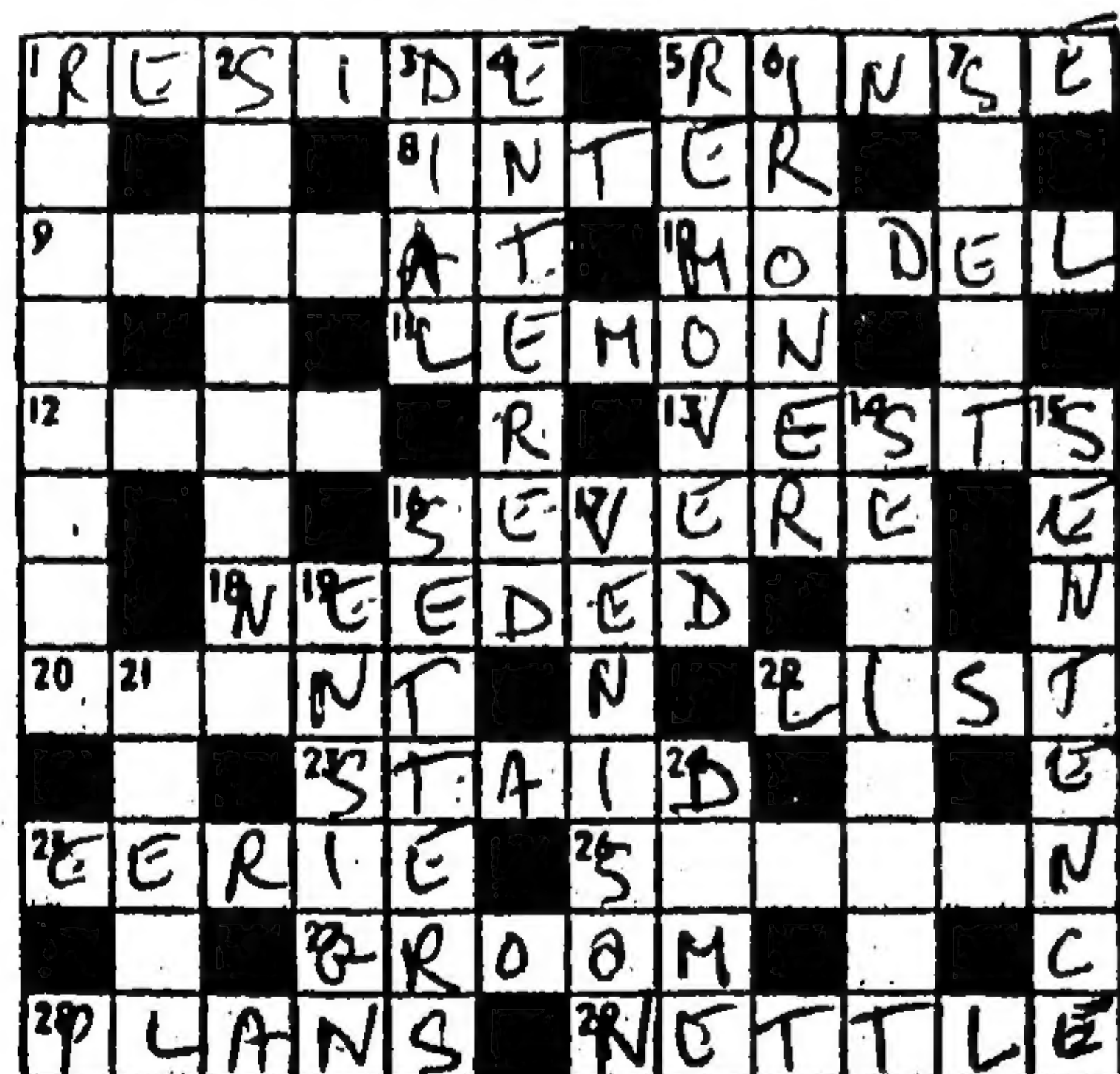
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- ACROSS**
- Dwell (6).
  - Wash out (5).
  - Bury (5).
  - Struggle (6).
  - Pattern (5).
  - Fruit (6).
  - Flower (4).
  - Undergarments (5).
  - Stern (6).
  - Necessary (6).
  - Spare (5).
  - Catalogue (4).
  - Sedate (6).
  - Weird (5).
  - Seifous (6).
  - Man who looks after horses (5).
  - Schemer (5).
  - Annoy (6).
- DOWN**
- Rash (8).
  - Pudding ingredient (8).
  - Clock-face (4).
  - Came in (7).
  - Shifted (7).
  - Presser (6).
  - Perfume (6).
  - Bill (6).
  - Judgment (8).
  - Game dogs (7).
  - Deer meat (7).
  - Fing (6).
  - Angler's basket (5).
  - Cupola (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 3 Glad, 7 Apple, 8 Away, 9 Pack, 10 Climbed, 12 Afar, 13 Bear, 15 Port, 19 Crave, 21 Adore, 22 Apex, 23 Thred, 24 Pass, 25 Direct, 26 Pies, 31 Teak, 32 Image, 33 Roll Down, 1 Spill, 2 Slumber, 4 Loads, 5 Data, 6 Gala, 9 Post, 11 Beret, 13 Flax, 14 Ruod, 16 Toper, 17 Warp, 18 Pots, 20 Redeems, 22 Aria, 24 Ideal, 25 Stage, 27 Aged, 28 Spur.



## Another Boom Year Ahead For Britain

By Vaughan Jones

**J**OBs for all in another boom year on the home front is the forecast for 1955 made by Britain's top industrialists.

London tries will be pushed ahead—although many new factories and extensions of old ones will not yet be operating within the year.

Output of motors is expected to jump by anything up to 20 percent; electricity, by around 10 percent; steel, by about 8 percent; chemicals and cement, by good gains also.

Housebuilding will level off at an annual 850,000.

**Wage Claims**

AN overhaul of the country's obsolete road and railway systems will get under way. Politicians will press for plans to speed London's crawling traffic.

With labour in demand and living costs high, workers will be strongly entrenched to press wage claims.

Economists will talk of inflation ahead, urged a bigger share of production for export. Labour will demand dividend limitation; factory bosses, restraint of wage claims; the puzzled public, cheaper prices in the shops.

Businessmen (and others) will expect tax cuts in Chancellor Butler's April Budget. Stock market operators will tread warily in a high market seeking still-unnoticed winners.

Housewives will be rationed—but by purse. Supplies of food, home-grown and imported, will be varied and abundant. But Britons will eat little more than when rationing officially ended early last summer with the freeing of butter and meat.

As a small joint costs ten shillings and tea not far off eight shillings a pound, the womenfolk will find house-keeping allowances melting in the grocers, the butchers and the greengrocers.

But shopkeepers will be politer—as the wealthier housewives carefully select their goods.

**Political Winds**

THE politicians—Tory, Labour and Liberal—will be seeking the first signal from Sir Winston Churchill which points to the date of the next General Election.

With Tory successes in guiding Britain to prosperity, the belief grows stronger that a Conservative Government will be returned, and that Sir Winston Churchill may choose election time to announce his retirement.

The Conservatives are confident that Sir Anthony Eden will become the next Prime Minister; Mr R. A. Butler, brilliant as Chancellor of the Exchequer, is considered out of the running.

The Socialists, disappointed with fierce left winger Nye Bevan, who has little to offer now except abuse of his political opponents, believe he will sink further in Party infighting.

And that old-timer Attlee will increase his stature.

The country, indifferent to Moscow's alarms, expects that the uneasy peace will continue so long as the West retains Atom weapon supremacy.

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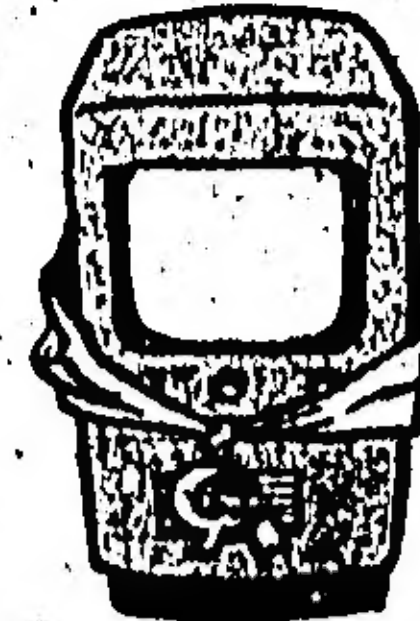
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TO GRAHAM SUTHERLAND—The Order of Supreme Heroism for painting a spade a spade.



TOM MENDES-FRANCE—The Achievement of the Impossible Ribbon, for standing the French on their heads.



TO TV—The Order of Lenin for becoming the opium of the masses.

London Bureau Service

## 7,000 FEET UNDER THE SEA... by CLAUDE CHAMBARD

# WE DESCEND TO THE BOTTOM

Claude Chambard, correspondent of the Agence France-Press, is the first journalist ever to make a plunge into the ocean depths in the bathyscaphe of French Navy Commander Georges Houot, and the fifth man in the world to have reached the depth of 7,000 feet (1 1/3 miles). He gives the first eyewitness account of how man is on the way to realizing Jules Verne's dream of "Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea." This is the second of three articles.

**O**N the steel casing of the bathyscaphe, a team of sailors from the Undersea Research Group were getting the craft ready for the dive. An officer climbed into the conning tower and detached the telephone linking the upper deck with the sphere slung beneath the gasoline-filled buoyancy tank. In the bows two men were preparing to let go the tow-rope.

Commander Houot had already gone below into the sphere and switched on the electro-magnets which, during the dive, hold on the two external batteries, the guide rope and the ballast.

I was comforted by the thought that the main breakdown, which might occur, was a short-circuit. If this happened, the current would be cut off, the ballast discharged and the bathyscaphe would float up to the surface like a bubble of air. It would come up a bit too fast but it would reach the surface.

In harbour and during the dive, the electro-magnets are not in operation and the tanks containing the metal ballast are bolted down.

### FROGMEN

**T**O remove these bolts a group of frogmen, with the Cousteau-Gagnan breathing apparatus strapped on their backs, left our accompanying launch. Clinging to the bathyscaphe's rounded flanks, they looked like the weird fish I expected to meet on the ocean bed.

For my own part, I was just a spectator during all these preparations and did my best to keep out of the way.

Houot's head and shoulders emerged from the hatchway in leading down into the sphere and he climbed up for a last breath of air.

"O.K. Let's go," he said. I waved goodbye to the surface crew whose work was now finished and who would have to wait for hours until we came up again. The sun broke through the clouds at last. Then I clambered down through the dark and chilly compartment between the upper deck and the sphere.

The most difficult part is when you reach the hatch leading into the sphere itself. It is a conical wedge of steel weighing 300 lb. Perfectly balanced, it is easy to manoeuvre. But though the outside rim of the hatch is wide enough for a man to enter easily, it is a tight fit at the bottom of the cone. You have to wriggle through a hole 18 inches across to get into the sphere.

### SHOCK

**W**ITH my left hand I clung to the bottom ring of the ladder. My right I kept pressed to my side. Then I lowered myself blindly through the opening until my groping feet made contact with a step.

Though I had already looked over the bathyscaphe, it was a shock to realise that I was now going to be locked up in this tiny chamber. The inside of the sphere is 8 1/2 feet in diameter. But this does not take into account all the machinery such as the control panel for the electro-magnets, bottles of compressed air, bottles of oxygen, an echo-sounder, a radio telephone for use when on the surface and a tangle of other complicated gadgets.

The living space left for two men seemed hardly enough for a contortionist. As I had to leave the hatchway clear for Houot, I folded myself up on the floor near the porthole. The only seat in the bathyscaphe is the steel step under the hatch. With an agility born of long practice, Houot swung himself down into the sphere. He had already about fifteen dives in the bathyscaphe to his credit. He seemed to fit himself comfortably into the restricted

space although he is well over six feet tall.

"Now to work," he said. The upper hatch on the deck had been bolted down. Our first job was to seal up the hatchway of the sphere itself. Houot had started the oxygen which renews the air supply inside the sphere. Armed with a tubular ratchet spanner, he set to work on tightening the sixteen nuts which bolt down the heavy door. I offered to lend a hand, but this was a job he would only do himself.

I looked out of the porthole which is only 4 inches in diameter but through which you can see at 90 degrees on either side. I passed the time watching the frogmen gracefully circling around us.

My brow was moist with perspiration. Was I going to panic? My pulse felt normal and I kept myself calm and attentive to every detail.

"I hope you are not liable to claustrophobia," remarked Houot with the ghost of a smile.

The sphere was rocking gently in the swell. It made me feel slightly giddy though I have never been seasick in my life.

**BALLAST**

**T**HE frogmen had now made everything ready outside. The men had left the upper deck and Houot switched on the radio-telephone.

"Bathyscaphe to Samson—requesting permission to dive." Houot turned the handle of a hydraulic pump and almost immediately, through a transparent panel in the door, we could see the water flooding into the compartment through which we had entered the sphere.

"It acts as a ballast tank," explained Houot.

This device was suggested by Frederic Dumas, a veteran of the Undersea Research Group, after the trials of the first bathyscaphe, Professor Piccard's FNRS 2. This craft was carried to the diving point in the hold of a cargo ship. The two-man crew had to be shut in the sphere before the bathyscaphe was lowered into the water and before the gasoline tanks had been filled.

During an experimental dive to 82 feet, Professor Piccard and Professor Theodore Monod, the French oceanographer, remained sealed in the sphere for 12 hours. After this experience Frederic Dumas suggested that the bathyscaphe's buoyancy tank be shaped as a hull which could be towed to the diving point.

He proposed that an entrance compartment be designed to enable the crew to enter the sphere just before the dive and to act as a ballast tank while the bathyscaphe was submerged. This suggestion was incorporated in the new bathyscaphe known as FNRS 3.

**DESCENT**

**H**OUOT spoke again into the radio telephone.

"Bathyscaphe to Samson, are we submerging?"

"The water is up to the conning tower."

"You are now stationary."

"You have gone down a bit more."

"Now you have risen slightly." Houot frowned and then said to me:

"It is caused by suction. We have the same trouble in submarines."

The bathyscaphe settled deeper in the water.

"Bathyscaphe to Samson. Tell the frogmen to keep clear. I'm going to release some gasoline."

The 17,000 gallons of gasoline contained in the buoyancy tank are split up between 12 separate compartments. Two of these compartments are open at the

bottom so that the pressure inside the buoyancy tank conforms with the outside pressure. The other gasoline compartments are linked by pipes with these two "equilibrium" compartments. This system of compartments limits the risks which would arise from any accidental breach in the buoyancy tank.

There is a thirteenth compartment, independent of the general system, which contains nearly 400 gallons of gasoline. This special tank enables the commander of the bathyscaphe to increase the rate of dive. When the bathyscaphe is too buoyant, he has only to let go

she will return automatically to the surface after ten hours.

"Just as an aeroplane is bound to return to earth sooner or later," I retorted.

But I could not help feeling relaxed and confident in Houot's company. As the minutes ticked by, I began to get used to my strange environment, to the sight of the different instruments, of the trays of chemicals to absorb the carbonic gas and to our cramped quarters.

9.15 a.m. The bathyscaphe pauses at 130 feet.

"She is a temperamental creature," commented Houot. "She'll get going in earnest in a few moments."

10.00 a.m. Depth 140 feet. The water which at first was

gently but, as soon as the dive started, this motion stopped. Now, although we were steadily sinking towards the bottom, I had no impression of downward movement. A glance at the compass showed me that the bathyscaphe was rotating slowly on its axis but this movement was not noticeable to the senses.

For the third time during the dive we let go some of the metal ballast contained in four vertical tanks set in the buoyancy hull. With an eye on his stopwatch, Houot pressed the button for 30 seconds, releasing 600 lbs of ballast. The metal pellets could be heard rattling faintly as they bounced "the sphere."

From time to time Houot switched on his electric torch to

look at the graph, unrolling silently in the depth-meter.

10.54 a.m. 2,800 feet. We drop some more ballast.

11.00 a.m. 3,280 feet.

11.25 a.m. 4,600 feet. There are still just as many luminous specks in the water. There are a lot of luminous "asterisks" looking like caterpillars half an inch long. More jelly-fish float past in the searchlight beam. Sometimes they can be faintly perceived in the murk beyond. A darker shape flits by. It looks like a squid. No fish to be seen. We have now passed the depth reached by Odis Barion in his bathyscaphe.

11.45 a.m. 5,740 feet.

11.55 a.m. 6,560 feet. The steady clicking of the echo-sounder is the only noise inside the sphere. We are just over 300 feet from the bottom.

12.05 p.m. 80 feet from the bottom. Houot is watching the echo-sounder carefully.

"Can you see anything?" Houot asked me.

The beam of the headlights picked out a white disc below the sphere. Houot thrust his face against the porthole.

"That's it. The bottom."

12.08 p.m. The guide rope, a metal cable about 50 feet long, drags on the bottom. The bathyscaphe's downward plunge has been slowed by the repeated dropping of ballast. Now light-end of the weight of the guide rope, the crane remains poised a few feet above the ocean bed.

The pressure gauge registers 8,000 lbs per square inch. We are 7,000 feet under the sea.

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(To be continued tomorrow)

A picture of the Bathyscaphe.

some of this gasoline, which is immediately replaced by the denser seawater.

"Bathyscaphe to Samson—how are we doing?"

"You are going down now. The conning tower has practically disappeared."

The last phrase came jerkily over the air with moments of silence interrupting the flow of speech. I guessed at the general meaning without hearing the complete sentence.

A few isolated words and fragments of speech could still be heard on the radio. Then silence. The aerial was now well under water. The time was 9.53 a.m.

"Here we go," said Houot. The needle of the pressure gauge was turning slowly. "I must now give you a lesson in bathyscaping so you will know what to do if I should be taken ill."

The switches controlling the electro-magnets are protected by a sheet of plexiglass. Willm, who thought this one up, was thankful for his foresight when, during one of the early dives, he bumped into the control panel with his posterior. If the plexiglass hadn't been there four tons of metal ballast would have plummeted to the bottom.

"To surface the bathyscaphe you just push on this button. If she does not respond, you push on this one and then all the ballast will drop at one go."

I already wondered what it would do if she still did not rise.

"If the sphere should fill with water, there is a control which works automatically and the bathyscaphe will surface by itself. If we are asphyxiated,

opalescent, is growing rapidly darker.

10.07 a.m. Depth 200 feet. Outside temperature 14 degrees. Water a dark blue-green.

10.14 a.m. 330 feet. "Water very dark blue."

10.22 a.m. 530 feet. The water looks practically pitch dark outside. Luminous specks appear in the searchlight beam. From time to time a jellyfish floats upwards past the porthole (in actual fact they must be practically stationary, for we are sinking rapidly). We switch out the lights inside the sphere so as to have a better view outside.

"There is still a lot of light compared to what it will be like further down," remarked the commander. "It only gets completely dark between 1,800 and 2,000 feet (depending on the strength of the daylight and the clearness of the water)."

10.29 a.m. 680 feet.

**POISED**

10.34 a.m. 1,180 feet. More luminous specks outside. The water certainly looks quite dark enough already. From time to time, minute organisms explode in a shower of sparks against the buoyancy tank above us.

10.38 a.m. 1,950 feet.

10.47 a.m. 2,500 feet. The searchlight illuminates a dense cloud of plankton. I remember the expression used by Houot: "Just like soup."

With the searchlight switched on, it was like floating among the stars. Thousands of pin-points of light shone in the firmament around us, some of them shooting rapidly across our field of vision.

The sphere seemed quite motionless. On the surface, the bathyscaphe had looked

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10.54 a.m. 2,800 feet. We drop some more ballast.

11.00 a.m. 3,280 feet.

11.25 a.m. 4,600 feet. There are still just as many luminous specks in the water. There are a lot of luminous "asterisks" looking like caterpillars half an inch long. More jelly-fish float past in the searchlight beam. Sometimes they can be faintly perceived in the murk beyond. A darker shape flits by. It looks like a squid. No fish to be seen. We have now passed the depth reached by Odis Barion in his bathyscaphe.

11.45 a.m. 5,740 feet.

11.55 a.m. 6,560 feet. The steady clicking of the echo-sounder is the only noise inside the sphere. We are just over 300 feet from the bottom.

12.05 p.m. 80 feet from the bottom. Houot is watching the echo-sounder carefully.

"Can you see anything?" Houot asked me.

The beam of the headlights picked out a white disc below the sphere. Houot thrust his face against the porthole.

"That's it. The bottom."

12.08 p.m. The guide rope, a metal cable about 50 feet long, drags on the bottom. The bathyscaphe's downward plunge has been slowed by the repeated dropping of ballast. Now light-end of the weight of the guide rope, the crane remains poised a few feet above the ocean bed.

The pressure gauge registers 8,000 lbs per square inch. We are 7,000 feet under the sea.

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(To be continued tomorrow)











## No Trouble Keeping Their Weight Down

Bonn.  
Two Champion Jockeys from Rumania who rode at a Red race meeting in Berlin—and continued their ride through the Iron Curtain by taking a train to the British sector—are having no trouble in keeping their weight down in the Free West.

In fact, they said, they are having to make out on a plate of thick soup and half a loaf a day.

When they came to the West the jockeys, 36-year-old Aristide Cucu and Jon Pall, aged 24, said: "When we realised we were safely over the border we just laughed for joy."

### CROWDED HOUR

Now, after a crowded hour on the American-sponsored radio, broadcasting to Soviet Eastern Europe and telling the Rumanians where top jockeys earn in a month just about enough to buy a pair of shoes, they are lonely and forlorn in a refugee camp down in Bavaria, with no prospects of staying unless the Germans finally get around to offering them a job—maybe months hence.

They were told that a three-man German board had rejected their plea for permission to stay as political refugees. The reasons the Germans gave: "You came here for bread-and-butter reasons, not because you were in danger."

Status as refugees would have meant permits to work; help in emigration and settlement. Pall has been offered £11.15s a week to ride for a Munich stable. But because he is not a political refugee he has no work permit.

Cucu has a wife in France... and the promise of a visa. But no travel papers to leave Germany.

So they are staying on inside the camp compound with 7-8 a week pocket money. Said Cucu: "Had I known I would have stayed at home."

(London Express Service).

## Saturday's Home Soccer Fixtures

The following are the Home soccer fixtures for Saturday, Jan. 15.

Division I	
Blackpool	v Wolves
Bolton	v Huddersfield
Cardiff	v Chelsea
Charlton	v Manchester U.
Everton	v Burnley
Manchester C.	v Leicester C.
Newcastle	v Preston
Portsmouth	v Aston Villa
Sheff Wed	v Sunderland
Spurs	v Arsenal
West Bromwich	v Sheffield U.
Division II	
Birmingham	v Luton
Blackburn	v Notts C.
Derby	v Millwall
Doncaster	v Plymouth
Fulham	v Swans
Leeds	v Bury
Lincoln	v Rotherham
Manchester U.	v Lincoln
Port Vale	v Stoke
West Ham	v Liverpool
Division III (South)	
Bournemouth	v Newport
Brighton	v Coventry
Bristol C.	v Millwall
Croydon Palace	v Norwich
Northampton	v Colchester
Queen's P.R.	v Reading
Reading	v Aldershot
Shrewsbury	v Gillingham
Swindon	v Brentford
Torquay	v Southampton
Walsall	v Leyton
Walsley	v Lincoln
Division III (North)	
Barnsley	v Wrexham
Bradford	v Tranmere
Carlisle	v Grimsby
Charlton	v Hartlepool
Doncaster	v Huddersfield
Fulham	v Gillingham
Grimsby	v Bradford C.
Hull City	v Oldham
Leeds	v Burnley
Sheff Wed	v Reading
Walsley	v Lincoln
Scottish League "A"	
Celtic	v Aberdeen
Dundee	v Clyde
East Fife	v Falkirk
Hamilton	v Queen's Park
Heart of Midlothian	v Hearts
Perth	v Dundee U.
St. Mirren	v Rangers
Scottish League "B"	
Airdrie	v Queen's Park
Arbroath	v Dundee U.
Brechin C.	v Dundee U.
Cowdenbeath	v Morton
Dunfermline	v Forth
St. Johnstone	v Hamilton
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## My Fault, I Suppose

Says HENRY LONGHURST

I have often held forth, rather pompously, to the effect that if a writer is misunderstood it is his own fault and not that of the reader; in other words, that what matters is not what he says he meant, but what the reader took him to mean.

The bitter is now bit and I shall be more cautious in future. As you may guess, I have been misunderstood, and, naturally, do not deem it my own fault.

Returning from the United States a month or two ago I mentioned some of the differences in the approach to golf in Britain and over there, referring particularly to the incessant "marking" of the ball on the green, much of it contrary to both the spirit and letter of the law which permits it, blissfully unaware of this though the offenders may be. The rule in the question is the one abolishing the stymie.

Having said that I can ask you to move your ball if it is in my way, the legislators added magnanimously that you could also move it if you felt it might be of assistance to me.

This has led to an almost automatic poking-up of the nearest ball and to the rise of a generation who think it part of golf that there should be only one ball at a time in play on the green.

I added that this latter part of the rule should be scrapped forthwith, with or without the agreement of the USGA, and the article was headed, provocatively perhaps, "Should we recede?"

**MISINTERPRETED**

Having re-read the passage in question, I cannot find it to mean anything other than was intended. The fact is, however—and it is at once gratifying and regrettable—that it caught the eye of those in the United States whose agreement is the most valued, and was, as I solemnly declare, misinterpreted by all.

One was Mr Isaac B. Grainger, president of the USGA, who replied both personally and in "Golf World."

Another was Bob Harlow, editor of that journal, who, alas, so well loved on both sides of the Atlantic, has recently died. A third, I now see, is Herbert Warren Wind, who writes on golf for the lush magazine "Sports Illustrated."

The first two took me to be advocating a return to the stymie. I suppose it was my fault if I created this impression, so I can only reiterate that,

## World Bridge Tournament

New York, Jan. 10.  
Going into the third session of play for the World Bridge Team Championship tonight, the lead of the British bridge team was reduced to 2,060 points. Only 56 of the 224 hands to be played have been completed.

The American team picked up 1,080 points in the first 12 hands of the second session when both teams reached a six no-trump contract, made by the United States and set one trick for the English team. (This passed 1,070 for the home team.) In addition to which, they collected 10 points—United Press.

## 1954 Was A Boom Year In Hollywood — Great Films And Top Entertainment

Says MICHAEL RUDDY

Nineteen-fifty-four has been a boom year in Hollywood. There have been great films, top entertainment produced. There is a spirit of optimism. The enthusiasm on the lot is infectious. The period of experiment with 3-D, wide-screen, big-screen and the various scopes ended with all producers deciding on wide-screen, colour, the majority of important films in cinemascope, many in VistaVision, some in superscope.

In "There's No Business Like Show Business," you will see colour and cinemascope used to full advantage. And the hottest new team in films came through with flying colours on flying feet. Donald O'Connor and Mitzi Gaynor are great and they've signed to team again with Bing Crosby and Jeannette Macdonald in "Anything Goes."

If TC Fox knew what they are doing, they won't put Mitzi Gaynor in the same film as Marilyn Monroe again.

I can understand why Mmmmm Monroe disappeared after the preview of "Show Business." Her performance was painful.

Hollywood Situation: At Chasen's at a party after the premiere of "The Country Girl," with Bing Crosby's Oscar-winning portrayal of an alcoholic, Jane Wyman and her agent sat a few tables away from Fred Karger, the third husband Miss Wyman is divorcing, and Nancy Sinatra. Suddenly it was very cold at the party.

As a father, Bing Crosby has problems like other fathers. Oldest son, Gary, doesn't want to finish his college course, wants to get back into show business and the devil with a degree. One of the twins, Dennis, has been getting low marks in his animal husbandry school. He's gone into the Army. I hope the two others stick to their studies. Bing said, "I didn't want I was a kid. Kinda regret it."

I chatted to Billy Daniels about his famous song, "That Old Black Magic." He chuckled, said gently, "Michael, it's gotten so I can't stand it. Just to break the monotony of singing it, I have 11 different arrangements."

Statistics: "White Christmas" has passed the eight million mark in record sales.

Simone Silva, who may have to leave the USA unless she has a job by February 7, is training like mad for a night club turn. But Bobbie Mitchell has declined an invitation to do a guest appearance on her opening night.

I liked Joan Crawford's Christmas present. "This year, instead of presents, Michael, I am donating to the Boy's Republic in China. Thus helping to restore these youngsters to better citizenship," Joan wrote.

Randolph Scott and George Montgomery, one of my neighbours, are battling over who plays the lead in "Gunsmoke," the top adult planned Western series on television. May the best six-shooter win.

**FINE FIRST WIFE**

The engagement of a movie actor to a luscious starlet was announced at a party. "Well, she's a lovely lass," a friend said, "I think she'll make him a fine first wife."

After the round of parties and callers, the amount of sleep, I have carefully calculated, required by the average Hollywoodite is about an hour more.

On Broadway 20 years ago, the big hit was George Gershwin's "Girl Crazy." The star of the show Ethel (Zimmerman) Merman who belted out "I Got Rhythm." In the same show was Virginia McMath who came to Hollywood, teamed with Fred Astaire under her new name of Ginger Rogers—and danced to stardom.

Fade-in on 1955. The big hit in Hollywood is Ethel Merman, belting out songs in "Show Business."

Where's the Ginger Rogers? She's a dramatic actress, touring the USA with her fourth husband, Jacques Bergerac, selling the film "They Made Me a Criminal."

The year's funniest accident: In a scene in "One Desire" at Universal Studios, Anne Baxter threw a book at Rock Hudson, missed him, knocked over a kerosene lamp which set fire to rotting curtains, causing a blaze which turned on sprinklers and damaged other sets ready for the film on the adjacent sound-stage.

Hopital Suite dept. "I'm trying like the dickens to win back my wife, Irene Harvey," Allan Jones said at a New Year's Party. "I say, I pay I can." Mrs. Jones' answer is not final for six months which gives him time.

Claudette Colbert in Jamaica with her husband, Dr. Joel Freeman, staying with Neil Gowen, writes that she's making a film in the BWL. She's doing portraits while holidaying.

**ALAN'S WEDDING**  
Alan Ladd's daughter, Alan, will be married at a candlelight

wedding on the 29th at the Ladd mansion in Holmby Hills. The groom, Richard Anderson, M-G-M actor.

Would you give up a million dollars in film contracts in order to stay at home with your wife and family? My good friend, Glenn Ford, would, and did this past year. I chatted with him on the set of "Blackboard Jungle" (story of "vengeance violence and vandalism"). "I had offers to make even films all away from America, but I have been away from home too much, so I declined the offers," said Glenn.

Names that don't mean a thing: Race Gentry and Tab Hunter.

M-G-M rang me to say that George Sidney was directing Ava Gardner and Frank Sinatra in "St. Louis Woman." When? Oh, summer of '55, I guess, a studio spokesman said. I guess not—according to Ava's last words to me a month ago in Beverly Hills.

Holidaying in Mexico and denying marital quarrels are Lana Turner and Lex Barker. All right, Lana and Lex. But we suggest a New Year's resolution. Don't quarrel in public places, like nightclubs.

I saw a private showing of "Young at Heart" in which he does the role that the late John Garfield did ("The Four Daughters"). You Sinatra fans will like him and Doris Day and Ethel Barrymore too.

Do you remember Baby Marie Osborne? She was a popular child actress a generation ago, earned \$2,000 a week. She retired, married, spent every penny she'd saved and returned to Hollywood as a stand-in for Glenn Rogers. Betty Grable and Betty Hutton. Then she retired again. Now she's back, working in the wardrobe department at TC Fox Studios. I saw her last week helping Jean Peters into her clothes on the set of "A Man Called Peter."

Mickey Rooney will again try his hand as a director. "I've bought a story, called 'The Composition' about a 12-year-old boy kept in after school to write a composition. When his teacher reads what he's written, she informs the police and a murder is revealed. Suspense! Rooney excitedly said. Seems very happy with his third wife, who was in his new white Jaguar convertible with him.

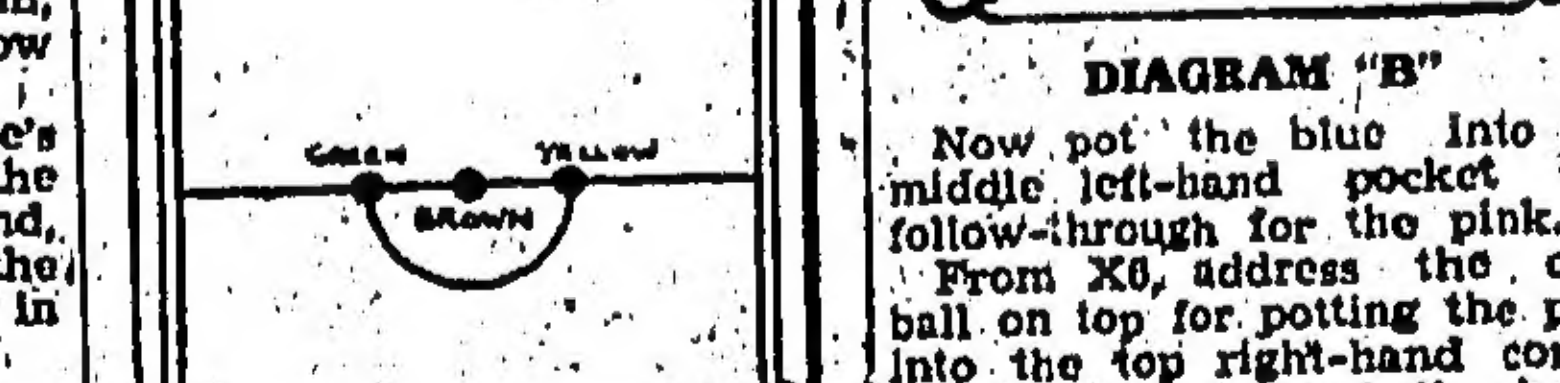
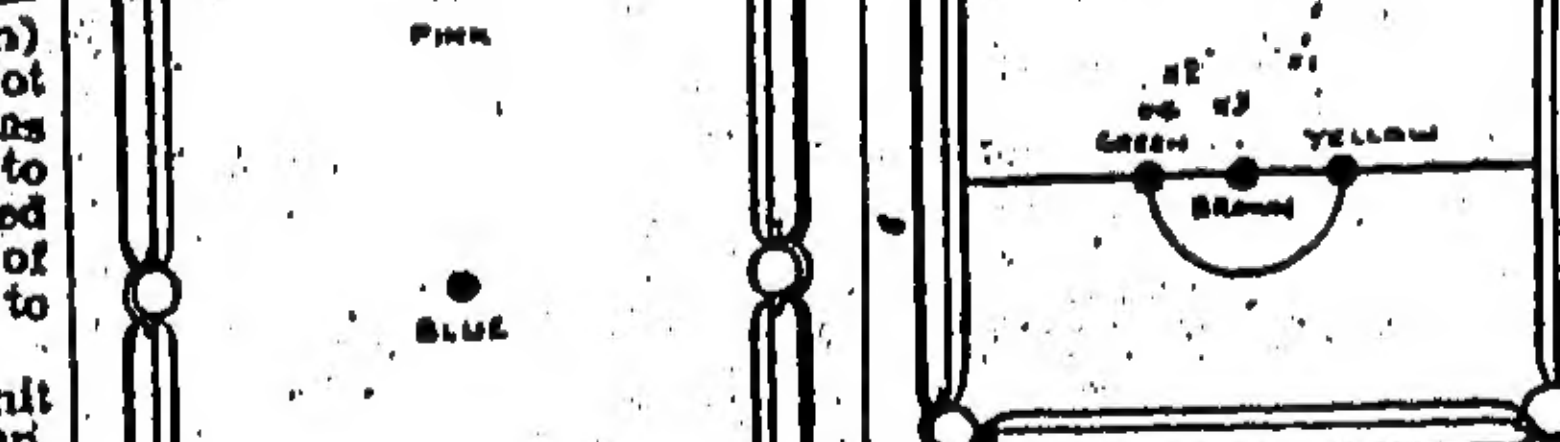
## TAKE YOUR CUE FROM HORACE LINDRUM Practise The Swerve

Look at diagram "A" and study it carefully. You will see that the colours are beautifully placed, although the striker is partly snookered on the last red ball lying over the top right-hand corner pocket.

I saw an amateur player a few days ago tackle this position by playing the cue-ball on to the top left-hand side cushion to come away and travel along the line of the top cushion to pot the red. He was successful with the shot, but he hadn't any idea where his white ball would finish.

What would you do in the circumstances? When you have decided, look at diagram "B".

Yes, my advice is this: Commence your first stroke by using the "swerve"—raise the butt of the cue so that the tip strikes down on the extreme right edge of the cue-ball. If you do it correctly, the white ball will come to rest in the vicinity of X1.



Now pot the blue into the middle left-hand pocket and follow-through for the pink. From X6, address the pink cue-ball on top for potting the pink into the top right-hand corner pocket. The cue-ball should follow-through to position X7, where you can easily pot the black into the top left-hand corner pocket.

Try practising this exercise many times: It gives you plenty of practice in the "swerve" and "crow" shots besides teaching you that all important cue-ball control.

**George Headley To Be Jamaican Official Cricket Coach**  
Kingston, Jamaica, Jan. 10.  
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Entry forms can be obtained from: Honorary Secretaries of affiliated clubs; Association Secretaries; Athletic Officers or from Mr. C. Kirkwood, Hon. Secretary, HKAAA, P.O. Box 280.

Entry forms must reach the Hon. Secretary, HKAAA, not later than 6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26.

**No Action Yet In Anti-Trust Suit**

Washington, Jan. 10.  
The Supreme Court postponed until January 31 today without action on the Government's anti-trust suit against the International Boxing Club of New York and Chicago.

A ruling on that case will decide whether boxing is an interstate commerce and subject to Federal laws against monopolies, restraints of trade and unfair competition.



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## Negotiations For Release Of Soldier

Washington, Jan. 10. The U.S. Government is shortly to start negotiations with the Soviet Government for the release of William Verdine, an American soldier who disappeared in 1949, a State Department spokesman declared today.

Verdine's disappearance took place at the same time as another American soldier, William Marchuk, who was freed last Saturday by the Soviet authorities in Berlin.

An American soldier called John H. Noble, who was freed the same day as Marchuk, claimed that he had seen Verdine early this month in a Soviet prison camp, and that he seemed to be in good health.

France-Press.

## British Museum Collection

London, Jan. 10. About 50,000 insects, 200 reptiles and 100 birds and small mammals have been brought back to the British Museum by Mr. J. Balfour-Browne, from a collection in South Africa and Angola.  
Another recent addition to the Museum has been a collection of 1,740 fishes of 60 species with data collected by the Belgian hydrobiological expedition to Lake Tanganyika in 1946.—China Mail Special.

## Seven Dead In Creek Floods

Alexandropolis, Greece, Jan. 10.

At least seven persons were killed and hundreds of homes destroyed today by floods resulting from heavy rains in Macedonia and Thrace.

Reports from the flooded area said 14 villages were isolated. Army engineers worked to restore communications. Residents of the isolated villages were being evacuated by boat.

Seaplanes dispatched from Athens also were reported aiding in the rescue work.—United Press.

London, Jan. 10.

Communist China and Hungary today signed a protocol on mutual technical aid, the New China News Agency reported.

Hungary will give China aid on cold storage and the manufacture of telecommunications equipment, and China will give Hungary aid on agriculture and light industry.—Reuter.

## Modern Science—Our Magic Carpet

# Industrial Noises Present Serious Problem

By JOE JONES

How loud is too loud? How much noise actually impairs the hearing?

These questions, which are of great importance to industrialists as well as to factory workers in the United States and other countries, are being studied by a score of medical and public health schools, independent laboratories and U.S. Government agencies, according to a report in Medical Advance, a publication of the National Fund for Medical Education.

The author, Dr. C. Richard Walmer, of the Industrial Hygiene Foundation, Michigan Institute, declares that "industrial noise is perhaps the most serious environmental health problem confronting American industry today. The problem was thrust upon industry so suddenly and has snowballed to such proportions that, unless research can melt it down to controllable size, it can hurt our economic system."

Prolonged sounds over 90 decibels, ear specialists believe, will impair hearing, says Dr. Walmer. "Distractions of 150 will result in immediate damage, while 180, can produce pain, headaches and nausea."

Television has now entered the field of therapy. Many hospitals in the United States are using this popular medium of entertainment to soothe the comfort and hasten the recovery of their patients.

Remote control switches are placed by the beds so the viewers can control their choice of programmes. So that the sounds will not bother non-sleepers, flat speakers are placed under the pillows. Patients who can't sit up to watch the TV shows are provided with special glasses with prismatic lenses.

A new consultant which may revolutionize steps necessary to remove solids from a water suspension has been announced by the Dow Chemical Company. This material, manufactured under the trade name of Separan 2010, is said to be of particular interest to the mining industry.

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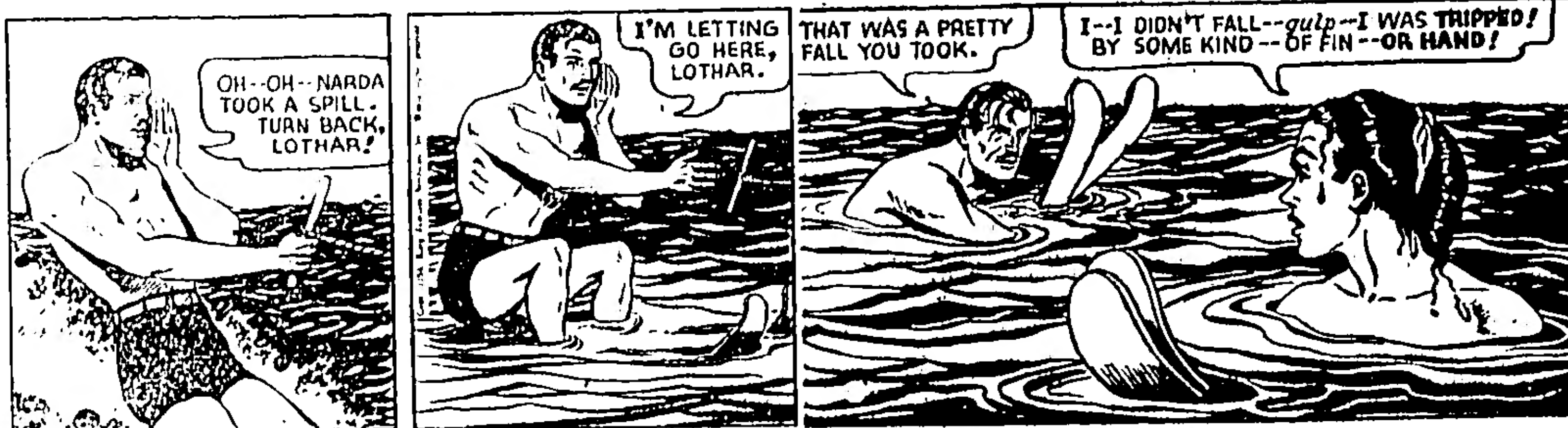
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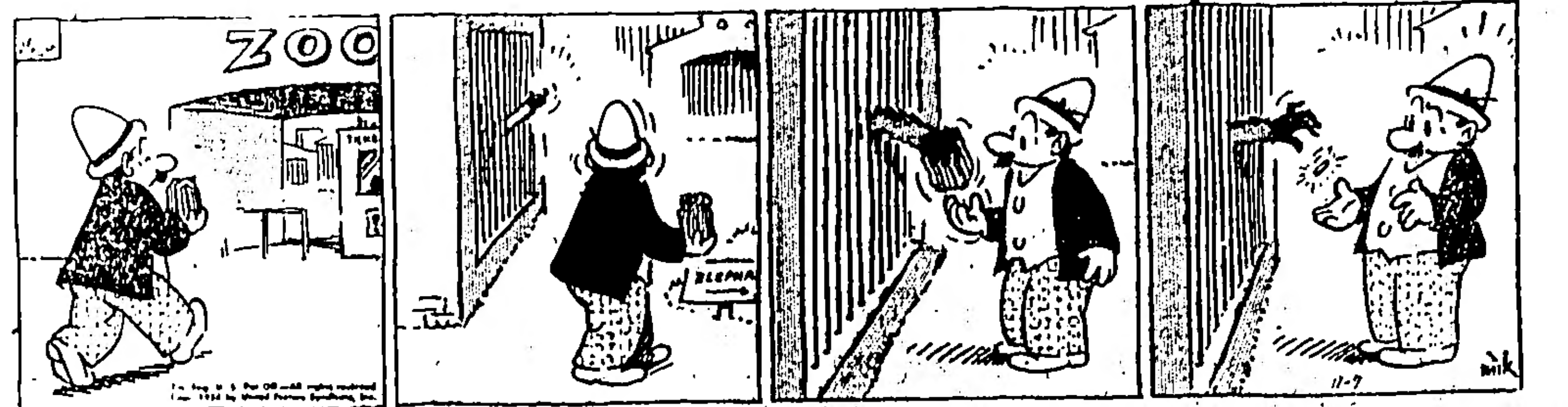
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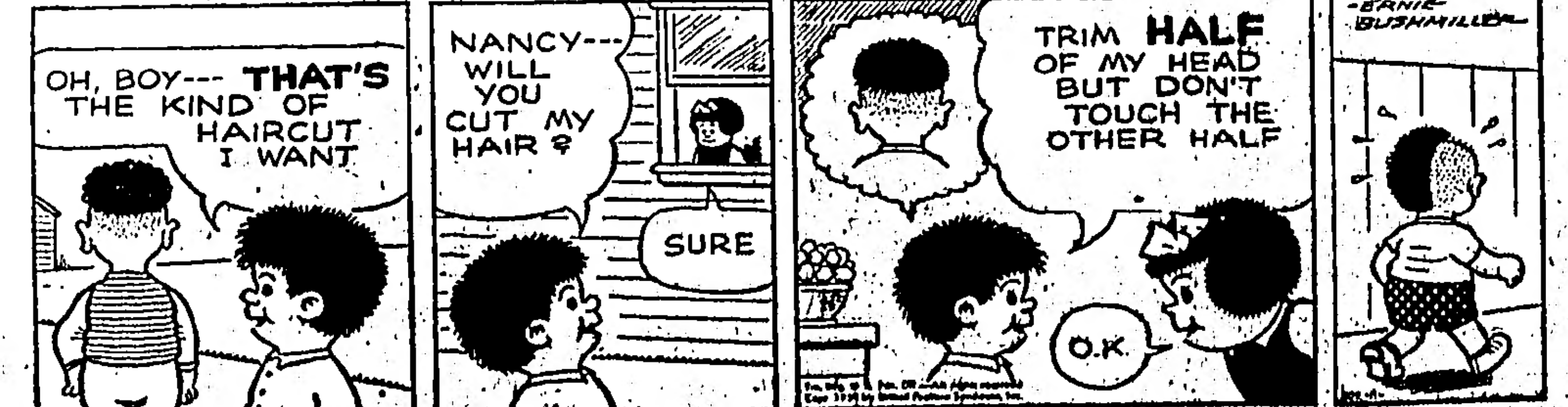
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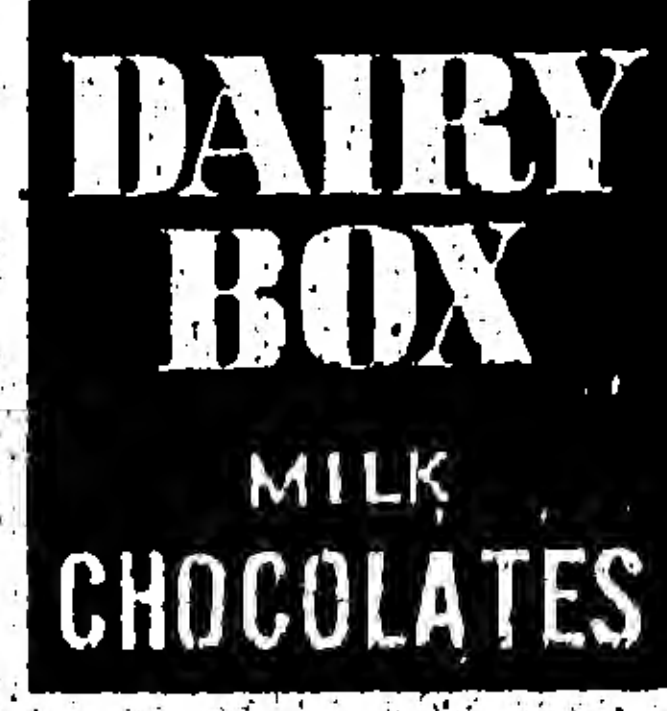
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## Queen Will Be Invited To Columbia B.C.

Fort Langley, B.C., Jan. 10.

The Queen will be invited to visit this historic Fraser Valley centre for the celebration of British Columbia's centennial on November 19, 1958, it was announced today.

A spokesman for the Restoration Society said the Provincial Secretary, Mr. W. D. Black, had advised that protocol required that the invitation be forwarded through the Federal Government.

Fort Langley was the first capital of the Crown Colony of British Columbia, and the Restoration Society plans to rebuild the old Hudson's Bay Company trading post, where James Douglas was sworn in as the first Governor in 1858.—United Press.

## New Marriage For Singer

New York, Jan. 10.

Roberta Peters, attractive brunette coloratura soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Company, will be married next summer to Mr. Burton Field, a hotel executive. It was announced today.  
Miss Peters, who is 24, married the Metropolitan Opera baritone Robert Hill in June 1952 and was divorced from him three months later. Mr. Field is 35.—United Press.

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1955.

## COUNSEL QUOTES EXPERT'S OPINION ON QUIE

'Not Certifiable As Insane In July 1952'

In the course of his address to the Jury this morning in the action for damages against three Government doctors, Mr John McNeill, QC, leading Counsel for plaintiff, said that plaintiff was not, in the opinion of Dr Stungo who amongst other doctors examined him in London, certifiable as insane in July, 1952.

Mr McNeill further stated that if the diagnosis of plaintiff in Hongkong was alcoholic dementia, in Dr Stungo's opinion, having seen plaintiff, that diagnosis could not be sustained.

The action is being heard before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gaud, at the Court of Appeal. Plaintiff is Joseph Leslie Quie, merchant, and his claim against three Government doctors is for \$250,000 damages for alleged injury to himself from the defendants' alleged negligence in connection with his detention in a mental home for observation, and for the certification of the plaintiff as being of unsound mind and his consequential confinement in the mental home.

Defendants, named in the action are Dr P. M. Yap of the Mental Hospital, Dr S. H. Moore of the Medical Department and Professor A. J. S. McFadden of Queen Mary Hospital.

Apparing for the plaintiff are Mr John McNeill, QC, Mr Lawrence Irving and Mr R. W. S. Winter, all instructed by Mr M. A. de Silva.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Senior Crown Counsel, and Mr J. C. McRobert, Crown Counsel, are representing defendants.

The damages claimed are \$130,831.68 for damages and \$119,168.32 for special damages.

**NO INFORMATION**  
Continuing his address to the Jury this morning, Mr McNeill submitted that Dr Moore (second defendant), when he signed the order of March 26, 1952, which was founded upon Dr Yap's application, using his proper discretion and applying his mind to the matter ought not to have signed it.

Mr McNeill said that the next question put to Dr Moore was when and where did plaintiff have periods of depression and exaltation and the answer, which was read to the Jury was: "In the Mental Hospital as evidenced by alternation between weeping and cheerfulness."

Mr McNeill said that this fact was conveyed to Dr Moore by Dr Yap.

The answer continued: "Previous to his admission an evidenced in Mrs Quie's statement and in the statements of the doctors who had attended him. Plaintiff's action during this period as detailed in the statement of Mrs Quie and Drs Dawson-Grove and Yang."

**ACTION DETAILED**  
Counsel observed that none of the doctors had been mentioned in any document before the Court and had not appeared on the scene until 1954, as far as any belief or opinion could be said, to be the case.

Mr McNeill said that Dr Moore did not say he observed the plaintiff at all, but that the action was detailed in various statements.

Asked how was plaintiff a danger to his family during such periods, Dr Moore's answer as read to the Court was: "Mrs Quie's demeanour convinced me she is in terror of her husband."

Counsel said that they had not seen any statement by Dr Moore that he observed anything at all, except a picture labelled in Chinese making reference to Dr Yap.

**NO FOUNDATION**

After reading further answers as given by Dr Moore, Mr McNeill said that there was no personal clinical observation in the whole of those answers. "It is my contention that Dr Moore has no proper foundation for his opinion at all," Counsel declared.

Mr McNeill next read a report by the head male nurse of the Mental Hospital. He said it was a daily report from March 10 and he told the Jury that throughout the report the head nurse used such words as "well behaved" and "co-operative" throughout from beginning to end.

Extracts from the report book of the Mental Hospital were read to the Jury and Counsel submitted that the report did not support any suggestion that plaintiff was other than "rational and sensible throughout his stay in the Hospital."

There was no information upon which Dr Moore could act and the order which he signed, Counsel submitted, was in the face of it, unsound.

Mr McNeill referred to a document of March 31 which Dr Moore signed stating that plaintiff was a person of unsound mind. Counsel said that he had already gone over Dr Yap's reasons (Dr Yap signed the statement jointly with Dr Moore) and maintained that the reasons for Dr Yap's opinion were entirely inadequate and unsatisfactory.

Counsel said that Dr Moore's reasons for signing the certificate were: "He (plaintiff) is very childish at present but has periods of depression and exaltation when he has been a danger to his family. He has little control over his desires."

**UTTERLY INADEQUATE**  
Mr McNeill said that upon consideration of the reasons they required to know more about them, as in his opinion the reasons given were utterly inadequate. They then asked Dr Moore a number of questions.

One of Dr Moore's answers to the questions was then read to the Jury. The answer was: "I say that plaintiff was very childish during the time he was in the Mental Hospital. This childishness was evidenced in the following ways: During his stay in the Hospital he alternated between optimism and

Mr McNeill said that the position of the Hospital's report, it would not be the Jury to learn the following facts.

**LET OUT IN APRIL**

Counsel said that plaintiff was let out of the Mental Hospital on April 26 and accompanied by a male nurse from the Hospital proceeded to Kai Tak where he boarded a plane for England.

On arrival he was met by two men and accompanied by them to a mental hospital in Northampton.

Counsel said that plaintiff was seen and treated there. He informed the hospital that he wished to stay there for three weeks because that was the date which had constantly been impressed upon him by Dr Yap as being the period necessary for a proper examination. Plaintiff would say that he could have left the hospital before that period but that he would like to stay for the entire period.

He would say he was treated by various doctors for the purpose of giving him treatment for his liver complaint, said Counsel. He was also looked at and observed by Dr Tennant as to whether he was certifiable. Plaintiff would say that he was not detained in the hospital for one instant longer than he wished to stay. After leaving the hospital plaintiff went to London where he was examined by other doctors including Dr Stungo who would give evidence before the Court as to plaintiff's condition at that time.

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## Claire Bloom In Shakespeare Film



Claire Bloom, the young English actress, shown in her first Shakespearean screen role, opposite Sir Laurence Olivier, as the tragic young widow in "Richard III." — Reuterphoto.

## Russian Delegate Outlines His Proposals At ECAFE

At the fifth day's session of the Sub-Committee on Trade of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) at the Grantham Training College, Kowloon, this morning, there was discussion by various delegates on the Secretariat's programme of work and priorities in the field of trade.

When the plenary session opened, the Chairman, Dr the Hon. S. N. Chiu, of Hongkong, announced that the Vice-Chairman and himself had examined the credentials of all delegates and found them in order.

Mr M. Fagan, representative of the Economic Council for Europe, spoke on the work of his organization, saying it had close relations with both Dr P. S. Lokanathan, ECAFE's Executive Secretary, and ECAFE itself, and said the work done in Europe was very similar to that done by ECAFE.

**NO OBJECTION**  
The Soviet delegate, Mr V. B. Spandaryan, said the Soviet Union had no objection to the programme of work and priorities in the field of trade as proposed by the Secretariat.

He especially welcomed the inclusion of the question of inter-regional consultations of trade experts, as such consultations might contribute to the development of trade between the countries of Asia and the Far East and other countries.

He said the Soviet Union considered that the Sub-Committee should express its opinion on this question, and that the programme of work and priorities which was before the conference should be supplemented by the inclusion of the following points:

(1) Development of contact between representatives of business circles, including the organization of fairs and exhibitions, and the exchange of trade and economic delegations;

(2) Conclusion of long-term contracts as a means to guarantee the export of goods;

(3) Co-operation on the giving of an effective share or foreign trade to the national organizations and firms of the countries of the region.

Mr Spandaryan said the Soviet delegation thought the above mentioned questions and prepare reports and recommendations for the next session of the Sub-Committee.

**AMERICAN VIEWS**  
The United States delegate, Dr E. M. Brademan, also supported the Secretariat's programme of work and priorities, and also the suggestion for inter-regional consultations but added that the United States felt that this question was to be included in the agenda of the Tokyo meeting, that should be the proper forum to discuss it.

On the proposal of Dr Lokanathan, it was agreed to let the Secretariat fix the date for the Tokyo meeting after consultation with various delegates.

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## Japanese Captain Tells How Crew Rescued U.S. Air Crash Victim

The rescue of an American Air Force pilot, Lieut. Monfort, whose plane crashed into the sea off Anami-Oosima Island, north of Okinawa, last Friday morning, was described by Captain Chutaro Tsugino of the ss Seiko Maru on arrival here this morning.

Capt. Tsugino said that he was en route to Hongkong when on Thursday night he received a message about the crash. He altered course and turned back toward Anami-Oosima and, directed by American planes, he found the pilot floating in a rubber boat about three miles off the coast. This was 2.30 in the morning on Friday.

Aided by flares dropped by the American planes, Captain Tsugino said he ordered a life boat with six men to be lowered and proceeded to pick up the pilot.

**PILOT HANDED OVER**  
He then took the pilot to Nakagusuku Bay, on the south-east coast of Okinawa 145 miles away where he transferred Lt. Monfort to a waiting American Army vessel.

Capt. Tsugino said Lt. Monfort was in good spirits when rescued and that he sustained only a slight injury to his right leg.

Resuming his voyage to Hongkong, Capt. Tsugino received the following message: "United States Air Force, Okinawa, expresses deepest thanks for your rescue of American pilot."

The Seiko Maru (6,847 gross tons) is owned by the Sanko Kisen K. K. She is on the Japan-I-Pakistan service. The loc agents are the Hongkong Eastern Shipping Company.

**Russians Are Told: 'Lenin Should Be Recalled In Joy, Not Sorrow'**

Moscow, Jan. 10.  
The Soviet Communist Party today decreed that from now on the memory of Lenin, founder of the Russian revolution should be recalled in joy, not sorrow.

The decree, adopted by the party's central committee, which imposed a character of mourning and sorrow.

The Decree, noted by the Soviet news agency Tass, was signed by Mr Nikita Khrushchev, First Secretary of the party's central committee, who issued his first personally signed decree last November 11.

**Coxswain Cautioned**  
Lai Ming, coxswain of the motor boat Talkoo Yek, was cautioned by Mr C. Cairns at the Marine Court this morning when he was summoned for loitering in the Naval Anchorage.

The Prosecution said that defendant was seen loitering in the area near Admiralty Buoy No. 4 on December 28 last year. He submitted to the Police later that he was waiting there for European who had gone ashore at Wanchai.

A letter was produced by the defendant this morning from the European confirming the plea of the defendant.

**Radio Hongkong**  
H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.05, BBC Bandstand; 6.15, Katerina; 6.30, Albert E. Mann (BBC); 6.45, "First Hearing" presented by Hugh Sullivan (Student Union); 7.00, "Time Signal and Programme Summary" (BBC); 7.15, "World News (London Relay)"; 7.30, "The Biology and Physics Exhibition at the Northcote Science Building (Recorded)"; 7.45, "Interlude in Music" (BBC); 8.00, "The Music of the Twentieth Century" (BBC); 8.15, "Symphony No. 4" (BBC); 8.30, "The Music of the Twentieth Century" (BBC); 8.45, "Symphony No. 4" (BBC); 9.00, "The Music of the Twentieth Century" (BBC); 9.15, "Symphony No. 4" (BBC); 9.30, "The Music of the Twentieth Century" (BBC); 9.45, "Symphony No. 4" (BBC); 10.00, "The Music of the Twentieth Century" (BBC); 10.15, "Symphony No. 4" (BBC); 10.30, "The Music of the Twentieth Century" (BBC); 10.45, "Symphony No. 4" (BBC); 11.00, "The Music of the Twentieth Century" (BBC); 11.15, "Symphony No. 4" (BBC); 11.30, "The Music of the Twentieth Century" (BBC); 11.45, "Symphony No. 4" (BBC); 12.00, "The Music of the Twentieth Century" (BBC); 12.15, "Symphony No. 4" (BBC); 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